



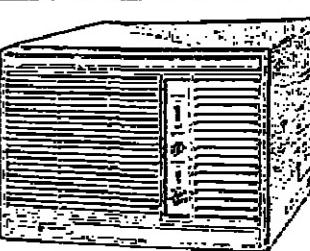
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Nam talks open: fear taints hope



Muammar (left) greets Mubarak at the conference centre. (Reuter wirephoto)



Arafat (left) salutes on arrival in Belgrade.



HH the Amir (right) attending the summit.

Detente welcomed

BELGRADE, Sept 4, (Agencies): Non-aligned leaders welcomed the relaxation in global tensions today but many voiced concern that regions such as the Middle East and Africa could slide into political and economic disaster.

Heads of state and government of the 102-member Non-Aligned Movement opened a four-day summit in Belgrade at which moderate nations such as Yugoslavia, Egypt and India want to drop stale rhetoric and offer practical ideas on international problems.

"This implies shedding the burden of various ideological prejudices and one-sided views of oneself and others," said President Janos Drnovsek of Yugoslavia, which replaced Zimbabwe as head of the Non-Aligned Movement for the next three years.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged Israel to allow Palestinian self-determination in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasir Arafat vowed to continue the 20-month-old uprising there.

"Israeli intransigence continues to be the only barrier to peace," King Hussein said. "Consequently, international pressure on Israel must continue."

Sam Nujoma, leader of the South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo), said South Africa's acting President F.W. de Klerk should abandon apartheid because "he is sitting on a volcano and this volcano will one day explode."

Argentine President Carlos Menem reaffirmed his country's determination to regain the British-held Falkland Islands, over which the two countries fought a war in 1982. But he said Argentina would use peaceful and legal means.

The \$1.3-trillion debt of developing countries emerged as a major summit theme as leader after leader demanded that rich Western nations extend relief in the form of lower interest rates, pauses in payment and easier credits.

"Our people are constantly being called upon to tighten their belts and make a sacrifice — why? So that Northern banks can balance their books and make a profit?" exclaimed African elder statesman and former president Julius Nyerere of Tanzania.

Drnovsek, highlighting the growing international focus on environmental issues, raised a new idea by suggesting that rich countries could write off some debts in order to finance the protection of the environment in the Third World.

The Non-Aligned Movement,

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125 die as Cuba tour jet explodes

Brazil Boeing lost over Amazon

MEXICO CITY, Sept 4, (Agencies): A Cuban jetliner crashed in a thunderstorm yesterday while taking off from the capital Havana, killing at least 125 people — most of them Italian tourists — in Cuba's worst air disaster, authorities said today.

Gustavo Angulo, a reporter for the official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina said in a telephone interview from Havana that authorities had discovered only one seriously injured survivor, presumed to be Italian. Italian authorities confirmed the report.

"Eighty-five percent of his body is burnt," Angulo said. "The survivor does not have any identification. He cannot speak. Neither the (Italian) ambassador nor the (Cuban) tourist agents could identify the body, which burnt 85 per cent."

"It looked like a scene out of a

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Tripoli cuts aid to cells

TRIPOLI, Sept 4, (AP): Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi has decided to cut off or slash the flow of money to some acronym and terrorist groups around the world, according to Western and Palestinian sources.

The sources, speaking yesterday on condition of anonymity, said Gadhafi told some groups, including Palestinian ones based in Damascus, that they will no longer receive direct funding and that they should close their offices in Libya.

The decision was viewed as a possible reflection of Libya's current financial difficulties and of Gadhafi's efforts to soften his image with the West and reduce his isolation in the international community.

A PLLO source and a North African diplomat also said Gadhafi is providing money for the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories but has not provided direct funding to the PLO for years.

"As a sign of goodwill," Washington should "denounce interference in Iran's affairs by the previous administration and release the Iranian assets with no strings attached."

"If (the United States) stop hostility against Iran it will have its impact on the entire Muslim world," Besharati was quoted as saying, adding that he believed the hostages in Lebanon would be freed.

"Yes, I believe that the hostage issue will also be solved and all the hostages may be released."

Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani last month demanded the release of Iranian

"The Bush administration has realized the mistakes made by

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Bhutto may allow gold trade

KARACHI, Sept 4, (Reuters): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has said Pakistan is considering legalising trade in gold, the official APP news agency reported today.

Speaking at a dinner for businessmen in Rawalpindi yesterday, Benazir called for a nation-wide debate to help the government reach a decision.

Bhutto said smuggling flourished under the current ban and freezing the import and export of gold could promote business.

Goldsmiths and jewellers, who face tough competition from India on exports, welcomed the proposal.

"It will boost exports of gold ornaments and jewellery to the Gulf," said Mohammad Farooq, secretary of the Karachi Bullion Market Association.

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Yomis Amran said two of those executed had worked for the United States and British intelligence, two for West Germany, two for Egypt, three for Iraq and six for Jordan.

He added that they all had worked under cover with various Palestinian groups but Fatah-RC managed to arrest them before they penetrated our organisation.

The reported execution came 10 days after a ranking Abu Nidal aide was shot dead Aug 25 in south Lebanon's port city of Sidon.

Amran gave the following details on the 15: Ayed Zekarni, 32, of Deir Ghazalah in the



Rescue workers look over the wreckage of a Cubana Airlines plane which crashed on Sunday after takeoff. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWSWATCH

Bomb wrecks Thai bar: A bomb exploded a Bangkok bar on Monday, severing a barmaid's feet and injuring 18 other people, and police said a business card was probably the motive.

Arab visitors, other Thai barmaids and at least one African were among the victims.

Police Lieutenant General Manas Khuruchayan told reporters a barmaid was in hospital in poor condition and had lost both feet in the night-time blast.

The dynamite blast damaged other buildings in a tourist arcade popular with Arabs.

"We were enjoying ourselves when all of a sudden a big bomb went off. I heard my girlfriend cry out and ran to help her," said a tourist. (Reuter)

Kurdish leader murdered: Komala, the rebel Kurdish Communist Party of Iran, said on Monday that one of its central committee members was assassinated in Kurdistan by Iranian government agents.

It was the third assassination of top Iranian Kurdish leaders in less than two months blamed by Komala on the Iranian government.

A statement released to the Associated Press office in Nicosia from the Komala office in Sweden identified the latest victim as Sodik Kamandar. He was described as a member of the central committee of both Komala and the Communist Party of Iran.

Kamandar was assassinated in Kurdistan on Sunday night "by agents of the Islamic Republic of Iran," the statement said. It did not say where the attack took place in Kurdistan, which straddles the Iranian, Iraqi and Turkish borders.

The reported attack on Kamandar came eight days after another Komala central committee member, Gholam Keshavarz, was shot dead by two unknown assailants in the tourist city of Larissa in south Cyprus. Yussef Rashidzadeh, 41, another Iranian, was critically wounded in the same attack.

Keshavarz carried a Swedish passport identifying him as Bahman Javadi. He arrived in Cyprus from Sweden, where he had lived for the previous eight years, six days before his assassination. (AP)

Two killed in gunbattle: Two people were killed and 12 wounded on Monday when a man believed to be a hit man for Colombian drug traffickers opened fire on police at Medellin international airport, police said.

A police spokeswoman said the man, who was dressed in a military uniform, opened fire with an automatic rifle when police approached him inside the airport to frisk him.

Witnesses said police and troops returned fire, hitting the gunman eight times and killing him. A judicial official said the man was about 20 years old, but had no identity papers.

Two policemen were among the wounded, one shot in the leg and the other in the abdomen. A 27-year-old passerby was also killed in the shooting.

The police spokeswoman, Luz Maria Correa, described the gunman as a "sicario," or hit man from one of the dredged drug cartels now at war with the Colombian establishment.

The incident followed two bomb attacks in Medellin shortly before a 10-hour car-free tour effect in the city on Sunday night. A state-run bank and an insurance company were severely damaged in one of the attacks.

In Monteria, northwest of the capital Bogota, a bomb destroyed the cockpit and burned the forward part of the fuselage of a US C-12K plane on Sunday morning, police said. (Reuter)

10 killed in road crash: Ten Egyptians were killed and five were injured when a mini-bus and a truck collided head-on near Zarqa in the Nile delta province of Damietta on Monday, police said. Survivors blamed thick fog for the accident. (Reuter)

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Mohammed Baker, 19, of Baghdad, Khodeir Abu Anscha, 30, of Nablus, West Bank, and Mohammed Zainab, 28, born in the refugee camp of Yarmouk near Damascus, Syria, were killed in the attack.

The rest were alleged to be spying for Jordan. They were identified as Adib Hawa, 39, of Haifa, Israel, Faisal Fanash, 29, of Yarin, South Lebanon, Jamal Balach, no age given, and Iyad Balatiyah, 21, both of Talouza, near Haifa. Also Ibrahim Houshien, 35, of Halhoul, West Bank, and Hawa Abdul Hadi, 37, born at the Shatilla refugee camp in Beirut.

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Abu Nidal group announces execution of 15 Arab 'spies'

BEIRUT, Sept 4, (AP): The radical Palestinian group headed by Abu Nidal announced today it had executed 15 Arabs, including a woman, as alleged spies for the United States and other governments.

Yomis Amran, spokesman for the Patriotic Revolutionary Council group, said the 15 had been convicted of "spying and collaboration" in separate trials since November 1987.

He said the group, consisting of 11 Palestinians, two Egyptians, an Iraqi and a Lebanese, were executed at midnight yesterday. "Inside and outside Palestine," he refused to say where

occupied West Bank, and Aladin Abdul Hamid, 24, a Palestinian born in refugee camp in Aleppo, Syria. He said they had been recruited by Israel's Mossad secret service to spy for the US Central Agency and the British secret service.

Those allegedly spying for West Germany were identified as Ahmed Diab, 31, and Majid Saleh Al Hamad, 31, both born in Palestinian refugee camps in Tyre, South Lebanon.

Khamis Al Masri, 36, of Gaza, and Mostafa Ali, 32, of Zagazig, Egypt, were alleged to be spying for Egypt.

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Amran, 'revenge'

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Beauty barred

A fatigued female bodyguard, one of several who protect Khaddafi, tussled with Yugoslav security forces who prevented her entering a conference centre with the Libyan leader today.

Witnesses said Khaddafi arrived at the summit with five bodyguards, including two women, none of whom carried security passes.

One of his attractive female protectors was eventually allowed to follow him to the conference centre.

The second woman was grabbed by conference security guards and was compelled to remain outside with her three male colleagues. (Reuter wirephoto)

Kuwait 'mediates'

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states such as Soviet Union and Bulgaria," the official said. "So the Kuwaitis are in a good position to mediate."

Gulf-based Turkish diplomats confirmed high-level contacts were taking place between Ankara and Kuwait, the current chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The Turkish diplomats said they welcomed Kuwait's mediation effort, but gave no further details.

"Our case is clear, and so we welcome the mediation effort of Kuwait," one diplomat said in a telephone interview.

Some 300,000 Muslims have fled Bulgaria to Turkey this year alone after a bitter row between the two neighbours on the status of the refugees. The mass exodus has left Bulgaria's tobacco industry in chaos, and thousands of Bulgarian students have been called to help gather the harvest.

Iran admits

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Iran and the United States and the Lebanese situation," Besharati told the newspaper.

Besharati said Iran received the last letter from the United States nearly three weeks ago.

"The last letter sent by the US (administration) to Iran was received 20 days ago," Besharati told the Tehran Times.

President Bush in the past has acknowledged contacts with Iran via third parties but has ruled out restoring ties with Tehran or releasing Iranian assets frozen in US banks until Iran helps secure freedom for Western hostages in Lebanon.

"The letters were received" through the Swiss embassy in Tehran, which is responsible for (US interests) in Iran," Besharati said.

He said the "Bush administration had (also) sent other letters addressed to the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran," and that they were received "through countries such as Japan."

"In these letters, the (United States) mentioned the issues including (relations between)

Rushdie link to UK bomb blast

LONDON, Sept 4. (UPI): A warning issued before a pipe-bomb exploded outside a London department store mentioned Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses" and Scotland Yard said it may have been thrown from a passing car.

A woman suffered a leg injury and several other people were treated for shock following last night's blast outside the Liberty's store on Great Marlborough Street.

There have been several unexplained bombings at London bookstores since Iran's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini issued his death decree against the author Feb 14, but the blast appeared to be the first so closely linked to the Rushdie affair.

"It's too early to say what the motive is and we're not prepared to speculate," a Scotland Yard spokeswoman said.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad was called to investigate

the bombing that could be tied to Muslim extremists who may be seeking vengeance against Rushdie, whose novel they consider blasphemous.

The bomb caused no serious damage, exploding outside a department store window displaying books. "The Satanic Verses" was not stocked by the store.

"There was a warning telephone call," detective superintendent Derek Willison told reporters. "The warning was based around 'Satanic Verses.'

A police spokesman said officers had determined the bomb was housed in a gas pipe and made from a mixture of chemicals rather than conventional explosives.

The spokesman also said it might have been thrown from a passing car, and they issued an appeal for help from people who might have been passing through the area.

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meeting 28 years after it was founded in Belgrade as a counter-balance to Eastern and Western military influence, remained divided on the conflicts in Cambodia and Afghanistan.

Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore wanted the meeting to declare that a month-long Paris conference on Cambodia which ended last week had failed because it had not arrived at a comprehensive peace settlement. Vietnam and Laos opposed them.

Pakistan resisted an Indian-backed call for a non-aligned initiative on the Afghan conflict and the problem of millions of Afghan refugees, mostly on Pakistani soil. It feared the move could favour the Soviet-supported Kabul government.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arranged meetings at the summit with Iranian and Iraqi delegates to revive the Gulf talks. But diplomats said the absence of the leaders of Iran and Iraq from Belgrade made progress unlikely.

The draft summit statement strikes a relatively optimistic note in stating: "Encouraging progress has been made towards finding solutions to regional and global problems in which the non-aligned countries have made a substantive contribution."

Yugoslavia, which helped found the Non-Aligned Movement in 1961, is determined that the summit should avoid turgid rhetoric and concentrate on problems on which small countries can make useful contributions.

The Yugoslavs have kept the final statement to a mere 10 pages, in contrast to the 586-article document adopted in Harare in 1986, and are also trying to impose a 20-minute time limit on formal speeches at the summit.

HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah met here yesterday with Mubarak, Bahrain's Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

Venezuela was formally declared today a full member of Nam, now totaling 102 countries that cover 2.3 billion people, or 44.5 per cent of the world's population.

Libyan leader Col Moammar Khaddafi has suggested that the kidnapping of Westerners in Lebanon came in response to Western intervention in the Middle East.

I believe Western countries should withdraw from the Middle East and not intervene in the internal affairs (of those countries) or else their citizens shall be victims," he said.

Khaddafi spoke in a bedouin tent that was flown in from Libya and put up the park surrounding a neo-classical guesthouse in Belgrade's exclusive Dedinje suburb. He is attending the Nam summit.

Khaddafi received a message from Panamanian Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega during a meeting with two daughters of the Panamanian强人, the official Libyan news agency reported.

■ West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl today expressed hope that the Nam summit which opened in Belgrade today would contribute to world peace and stability.

In a cable sent to Drnovsek, Kohl lauded Nam which he said is playing an important and responsible role on the international field and is now occupying a very prominent position.

■ Trees in Belgrade's Park of International Friendship, planted by 25 foreign statesmen 28 years ago, represent a living history of Nam.

Small plane trees, planted by the founders of the movement in September 1961, have turned into giants. So has the movement itself.

A stroll through the park, only a few hundred metres (yards) from where the summit is taking place, quickly reveals a sense of Nam's past.

The tree planted by India's Jawaharlal Nehru, who founded the movement with Yugoslavia's Josip Broz Tito and Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser, is growing next to one planted by Tito.

Tito's tree branches look strong and flourishing, unlike his country, troubled with a \$20 billion debt, 900 per cent inflation and mounting ethnic unrest.

Rebels kill!!! 13

MANILA, Sept 4. (UPI): Communist guerrillas killed 13 soldiers in an ambush and nine others died in separate incidents over the weekend, the military said today.

Some 150 communist New People's Army guerrillas laid a track carrying soldiers and engineers yesterday to San Francisco village in Quezon province, 150 miles (225 km) southeast of Manila.

Military spokesman Col. Juan Mamorno said 13 troopers were killed and an Army lieutenant was wounded in the attack.

He said that both men were scheduled to

Bofors arms smuggling trial opens

STOCKHOLM, Sept 4. (Reuters): Three former directors of Swedish ordnance firm AB Bofors pleaded not guilty today to charges of smuggling missiles to blacklisted Middle East countries as the trial began in a five-year-old scandal.

Prosecutor Folke Ljungvall accused the ex-directors of smuggling more than 300 laser-controlled robot 70 anti-aircraft missiles, valued at 105 million crowns (\$16 million) to Dubai and Bahrain during 1979 and 1980.

Former Managing Director Martin

Ardbo and former export director Hans Ekblom have admitted sales to Dubai and Bahrain. But they argue that the Swedish government had given its tacit approval to the deals, which were therefore not illegal.

Retired artillery executive Lennart Palsson also pleaded not guilty, saying he had believed Singapore was the end destination for the missiles.

Sweden, a staunch supporter of international peace and disarmament, maintains a strong arms industry to back up

its neutrality stance. But it forbids the sale of arms to countries at war or to areas of unrest such as the Middle East.

As the trial opened in Stockholm district court, the three were accused of using Singapore, an approved recipient of Swedish weapons, as a middleman in illegal exports which carry maximum jail terms of six years.

Former Bofors managing director Claes-Ulf Winberg, who was forced to resign as chairman of the Swedish Employers' Federation in November 1985

because of the smuggling inquiries, was to have stood trial with the three others.

But Winberg was killed in a car crash last spring.

Bofors, part of the Nobel Industrier AB Arms and Chemicals group, has been mired in smuggling allegations ever since a disenchanted technician resigned from the company in 1984 and leaked details of illegal exports.

A Bofors sister company, Nobel Kem AB, has also been pulled into the net of smuggling allegations.

Lanka strike ends, not plight

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Sept 4. (Agencies): Shops, banks and offices opened today after a week-long anti-government strike called by Sinhalese militants, but continuing violence left at least seven people dead, authorities said.

State-run buses piled the roads, carrying workers to their jobs, and customers lined up outside banks and shops. But security forces remained on a red alert to prevent militant violence, officials said.

The strike was enforced by an extremist Sinhalese group to protest what it calls genocide by security troops and the presence of Indian peacekeeping troops on the island.

In central Sri Lanka, suspected Sinhalese militants stormed a military camp and two police stations but were repulsed by security forces, who killed two attackers and captured one, military officials said.

Radicals believed to belong to the People's Liberation Front, an extremist Sinhalese group trying for more than two years to overthrow the government, launched the attacks last night in the district of Kandy, said the officials who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Ambush

The extremists dressed in military uniforms and armed with automatic weapons opened fire on a military camp outside Kandy town, about 90 kilometers (56 miles) northeast of Colombo, the officials said. Soldiers returned fire, killing one militant, they said.

Troops from a nearby road-block ambushed the raiders as they tried to flee, killing one and capturing another, the officials said.

At the same time, they said, extremists attacked police stations in the villages of Galagedara and Kadugannawa, but were repulsed by officers. There were no casualties.

Radicals also detonated explosives as a military vehicle passed, injuring one soldier, the officials said.

Elsewhere, one Sinhalese man was killed by two unidentified gunmen and police found four bodies in Menikthitta town in Kandy district, authorities said. Opposition politicians and human rights groups have accused military and pro-government vigilante groups of killing hundreds of civilians suspected of sympathising with the Sinhalese radicals.

The government denies the charge and accuses the People's Liberation Front of killings more than 5,000 people in its two-year-old campaign of terror and assassinations.

The front claims the government gave too many concessions to the Tamil rebels fighting for an independent homeland in north and east Sri Lanka. It also opposes the presence of Indian peacekeeping troops deployed to enforce an India-sponsored peace accord on the island.

Tamil comprise 18 percent of the island's 16 million people and claim they are discriminated against in job and education by the Sinhalese, who make up 75 percent of the population and control the government and military.

In other developments, the most dominant of the Tamil rebel groups today charged the Indian military presence in the island has plunged the country into civil war and called on the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to urge for the withdrawal of the troops.

He warned that the house fly was one of the biggest menaces in spreading disease through food chains.

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throughout the crash site. Victims were taken to hospitals in Havana. Red Cross and police continued to search the wreckage today.

Italian Ambassador to Cuba Carlo Ciletti, who confirmed that one person survived the crash, told Italian television Cuban officials had not been able to give "any indication of the cause of the crash yet." But he added: "I personally noted that weather conditions were very bad at the time of the crash."

The airport was blacked out by the crash in heavy rain, lightning and thunder. All air traffic was diverted to Varadero, about 100

miles (160 km) away. Only a single landing strip remained illuminated on emergency power.

Radio Havana said the Cuban Airlines flight carried 115 passengers, of which 113 were Italian tourists, and 11 crew members. The other two passengers were Cuban, the radio said.

Moments after the airliner took off, its fuselage appeared to break into two and it crashed to the ground and exploded in flames, a Cuban immigration official told Cuban Army radio.

In Rome, Foreign Ministry officials said the Italian passengers were on a tour to Cuba organised by a Cuban-Italian

firm, Zodiac, which has offices in Milan. The plane had been scheduled to make a refuelling stop in Cologne, West Germany.

Weeping relatives gathered at Milan's Malpensa airport today clamouring for news of family members killed in the crash.

The scenes at Milan airport recalled those that followed the similar crash of a charter plane on the island of Santa Maria in the Azores Feb. 8 in which all 137 Italian tourists and seven US crew members aboard the Boeing 707 were killed.

The plane was carrying 48 passengers and a crew of six, all Brazilian, he said.

In an official communiqué, Varig said the cause of the disappearance was unknown. In his last radio contact, the pilot did not say why and emergency landing was necessary, Brito said.

"A plane of that size would

have no chance of a successful

emergency landing in the middle

of the jungle," Col. Romulo Brasil, Brazilian minister with the radio liberal station of Belém,

said.

Rescuers searched in vain today in the Jura mountain area in eastern France along the Swiss border, an airport spokesman said.

The identities of the passengers were not released. An airport spokesman said their names had not been registered at the airport.

Quake hits Alaska

HONG KONG, Sept 4. (AP): A severe earthquake recorded today southwest of Anchorage, Alaska, the Royal Hong Kong observatory reported.

An observational statement said the quake had a magnitude estimated at 6.9 on the Richter scale. It was centered about 720 kilometers (447 miles) southwest of Anchorage, Alaska, the statement added.

An observatory spokesman said he had no additional details of the quake which was recorded at 9:26 pm Hong Kong time (1326 GMT).

The Richter scale is a gauge of energy released by an earthquake and each increase of one number means the ground motion is 10 times greater.

Caparas said the transactions were made in three years until 1985, a year before former president Marcos was ousted to a private university, commission chairman Mateo Caparas said.

The suit charged that Caparas took advantage of his close personal relationship with Imelda, then minister of the powerful human settlements agency, in facilitating the alleged illegal transfer of funds.

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Caparas was accused of diverting three million pesos (\$143,000) to a private sports and health

NEW YORK: There's another member of the Albert family jumping into big league sports broadcasting. Kenny Albert, 21, oldest son of Marv Albert and a senior at New York University, will do the play-by-play on at least six games for the New York Islanders. Despite whispers of nepotism, the job is a dream come true for Kenny. "As far back as I can remember, I never wanted to do anything else," he said. "I grew up memorizing players names and numbers. I suppose that's where my direction came from." Young Albert's experience includes working as a statistician for his father at New York Knicks and Rangers games and commentary on high school and small college football and NYU basketball games. (UPI)

LOS ANGELES: The Jewish Defense League says it will monitor a taping of Jackie Mason's new television comedy series to make sure the comedian does not promote "negative stereotyping of Jews."

The JDL said its members had obtained numerous tickets for an upcoming taping of *Chickensoup* which debuts later this month.

"We are sick and tired of Jewish American princess stereotypes being used to demean Jewish women and we are just as sick of Jewish Nechishes being portrayed on television," the JDL statement said.

Bernie Orenstein, an executive producer of *Chickensoup*, said Thursday: "We welcome everyone to come and see the show because we're totally confident the show is a truthful, funny comedy. We can't imagine any Jewish or gentle people being offended by it." (AP)

ROCHESTER, Michigan: A judge has decided to sentence Mario Ciccone rather than assign pop star Madonna's brother to youth probation for assaulting his girlfriend.

Judge Michael Batchik said Wednesday he decided not to invoke a law that lets offenders ages 17 to 19 undergo probation and counselling instead of jail time because of Ciccone's "past encounters with the criminal process."

He could be jailed up to three months, be fined \$1,000 or get two years' probation at sentencing Oct. 3.

Ciccone, 19, was convicted in the 1988 assault; he was 18 at the time. Last fall, a jury dismissed charges against Ciccone in an assault on a police officer. He also faces sentencing in another assault case in Bloomfield Hills.

MAINE: President Bush ended days of humiliation Sunday by landing a 8-pound (4 kg) bluefish in the waters off his seaside home and declared, "The jinx is broken."

"What a day," Bush exclaimed to reporters as he returned triumphant at last from 2 1/2 hours fishing "in the words of son Marvin Bush: 'It's about time.'

The victory came as Bush neared the final 24 hours of a 20-day summer vacation that had seen him return empty-handed from a succession of fishing outings on his speedboat Fidelity that resulted in ribbing even from friends and family members.

Asked whether the catch had made his vacation, he replied, "It's icing on the cake." (UPI)

NEW YORK: Another *Barney* is back! Gene Barry as Bat Masterson. Barry will reprise his old West dandy as part of the CBS series *Paradise* airing Sept. 10 and co-starring Hugh O'Brian again as Wyatt Earp. "I play but a little humorously, a bit over the hill," Barry says. "But Hugh plays Earp as if there had been no passage of time, as if this TV movie picked up right where his series left off." Barry speaks fondly of the Masterson part but says he has regrets about taking the original role because it left him too strongly identified with one month on the air. I resented Masterson and I literally began to withdraw from the public. I gave up hundreds of thousands of dollars in bookings at state fairs, county fairs and rodeos. (UPI)



A day at the races

GONDOLAS and other boats crowd Venice's Grand Canal during the annual boat race Sunday.

Gondoliers refused to row local councilors and visiting politicians down the Grand Canal in Venice's annual historical regatta in a protest against pollution in the city.

The gondoliers said the protest during the canal city's most colourful and traditional feast day was aimed at highlighting pollution and the harmful effects on Venice's 12th and 13th century palaces and churches caused by waves from speed boats.

KANSAS CITY: While Nelson plans on doing a lot for farmers in 1990, before his performance Saturday night in Kansas City, Mo., Nelson met with farmers from Missouri, Kansas, Rural Crisis Center, Kansas Rural Centre and Farm Council Services Inc. of Missouri and disclosed his plans. There will be a fourth farm aid concert in March and he also plans another benefit show in October in Washington, DC that same month, when Congress is expected to be considering farm legislation.

Meanwhile, Nelson's associates are looking throughout "The Heartland" for a site for the farm aid 4 concert, "The farm crisis is a chronic condition," said Nelson, whose last farm aid show was in Lincoln, Neb., in September 1987.

"People are barely making enough

to get by." (UPI)

KINGSTON, Jamaica: Prime Minister Michael Manley has started wearing aids because of a 30 percent hearing loss at the top listening range.

"When I am at cabinet meetings, I can hear what is going on quite well," Manley told reporters this week. "But if someone drops his voice somewhere down the table, I have difficulty hearing them."

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Driver dies Kinnock in crash

LONDON: Sept. 4, (UPI) — Neil Kinnock, Britain's Labour Party leader, escaped injured last night in Ireland when his car crashed after the chauffeur collapsed while on the way to Dublin Airport.

Kinnock tried in vain to revive Tom Conlon, the driver of his Mercedes, who police said apparently suffered a heart attack. Conlon was declared dead on arrival at Beaumont Hospital in Dublin.

The Labour leader and his wife Glenys, were discharged from a hospital after the accident in Dublin, where they had joined more than 50,000 spectators at the All-Ireland Hurling Final after talks with the Irish Labour Party.

Irish police said Kinnock escaped unscathed and his wife sustained superficial injuries and was suffering from shock. The car was destroyed.

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Hans Klein told reporters that Kohl, 59, developed cystitis last week and had problems urinating.

He said the Chancellor was not prevented from working "so it couldn't be a particularly serious illness."

Klein said Kohl would have an operation after the annual party congress of his Christian Democratic Union, due to be held in Bremen on Sept. 10-13. He said he did not know how long the Chancellor would be on sick leave.

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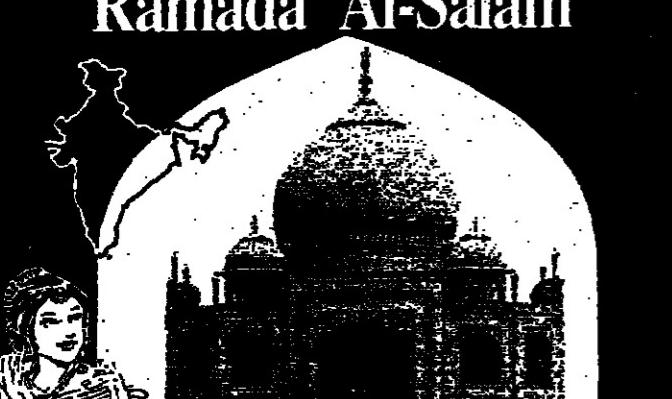
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Riots mar festival

Troops enforce curfew

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia, Sept. 4, (AP) — National guardsmen with assault rifles helped enforce an indefinite curfew today after a second night of violence followed the looting of more than 100 stores by black students.

Anyone on the resort's strip was asked to go inside immediately or be arrested, police declared at 1:25 local time (0525 GMT).

A sweep by club-wielding officers late last night added dozens of arrests to the 160 arrests and 395 citations between Friday evening and yesterday afternoon.

"We will not tolerate lawlessness from anybody," Mayor Meyera E. Obendorf said. "Let the word go out that Virginia Beach will not stand by and watch as unruly individuals trash our city."

However, Jack W. Gravely, president of the Virginia chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, faulted the city's tactics as much as "an element who came to disrupt" among the young people gathered for Greekfest, a Labour Day holiday weekend celebration.

Last night, dozens of officers and 150 National guardsmen armed with assault rifles and wooden batons patrolled the beach area.

"Once the police came on the scene, the tension level rose," Gravely said. "The students had what I call attitude of controlled defiance. They did not understand what they had done to warrant this treatment."

Another psychic, Judy Hayes Williams, who moved to the area three years ago, complained that the ordinance kept her from advertising her business. She said the city attorney's office told her the ordinance would be enforced. (AP)

WASHINGTON: George Stollings Jr. A priest who defied Catholic Church authorities to found an alternative black African-American Catholic congregation, was refused a new parish assignment because of questions about homosexual activity, the Washington Post reported Monday.

The newspaper said a former altar boy at Stollings' parish in 1977 said he repeatedly had sexual relations with the priest in the church rectory over a period of months.

Stollings, 41, refused comment to the Post, the story said, but did tell his Imami Temple congregation Sunday that a story would appear and that "they ain't got no proof."

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: The Health Ministry has set up a panel of experts to investigate whether patients who received radiation treatments for ringworm 40 years ago contracted cancer, an official said Sunday.

The panel was formed following complaints by persons treated for the fungus-caused skin disease who said they later developed brain and skin cancer as a result of the radiation treatments, said Dr. Michael Levi head of the new panel.

Lavi, a retired public health specialist, said that doctors believe there is a connection between the radiation treatment and later cancers, but the panel has not yet examined the cases in Israel. (UPI)

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NY faces asbestos pollution

NEW YORK, Sept. 4, (AP): A water-main break that flooded the subway and left a muddy mess today on busy Midtown streets caused the second major asbestos contamination in New York in two weeks.

The water washed about 50 pounds (20 kilograms) of asbestos insulation off two steam pipes yesterday and the asbestos-laden water poured into the street and into subway tunnels, officials said.

The 63-year-old, 20-inch (50 centimeter) underground main had been scheduled for replacement tomorrow, officials said. Asbestos has been linked to cancer, and the breathing of asbestos fibres is known to be especially dangerous. But the contamination was limited to the water and mud on the ground, making the risk to people minimal if they avoided contact with it. Deputy Mayor Robert Esnard said.

Brandt blames security police

BONN, Sept 4. (Reuter): Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt has accused the security police of trying to portray him as a womaniser in a 1974 spy scandal that led to his downfall.

In his memoirs, the first part of which was published by the daily *Die Welt* today, Brandt wrote bitterly about how his private life was sensationalised after the exposure of his aide Guillaume as an East German spy.

Brandt said his own resignation after Guillaume's arrest should not have been

necessary and he should have demanded a stop to rumours that he was unfaithful to his wife.

Guillaume, infiltrated into West Germany, worked his way up in the Social Democratic Party to become a top aide of Brandt.

The highest-placed East German agent ever unmasked in Bonn, Guillaume was convicted of espionage and served seven years in prison before being handed over to East Germany in a spy swap.

Brandt said government officials told him

the federal public prosecutor feared Guillaume had provided him with women. News media picked up rumours that he was unfaithful to his wife.

"Later I accused myself for not having banged my fist on the table and demanding a stop to all this nonsense," wrote Brandt, who resigned as chancellor after pressure from his own ranks two weeks after the spy scandal exploded.

"My resignation was not necessary," Brandt wrote.

Willy Brandt

Gunman opens fire at Medellin airport

2 killed, 12 wounded; bomb destroys shops

BOGOTA, Sept 4, (AP): A gunman opened fire with an automatic rifle at the airport of the cocaine trafficking centre of Medellin this morning. Police said two people, including the attacker, were killed and 12 people wounded.

Last night, a bomb tore through shops in an industrial suburb of Medellin, wounding five people, authorities said.

The motive of today's attack was not immediately clear. However, the city in northwest Colombia, 350 kilometres (215 miles) north of Bogota, has been hit daily by terrorist-style violence from drug traffickers enraged by a government crackdown.

One passenger was killed in the hail of gunfire, and the attacker was shot dead by airport police who returned fire, National Police Col Luis



A Colombian soldier waits for the order to advance Sunday during a raid on a suspected hitman's house in Medellin. (Reuter wirephoto).

Blacks to continue protest

Apartheid 'to stay'

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 4, (Agencies): White politicians made 11 hour campaign tours today while thousands of black workers and students poised for the last two days of protest against Wednesday's segregated parliamentary elections.

The surface, De Klerk seems to represent a new and positive force," said Maj. Gen. Joseph N. Garba of Nigeria. "But given the long history of oppression by his party, we do not think anything new will come out."

Responding to reporters' questions, Garba dismissed talk about reform as "another attempt to kill the black people."

De Klerk "has committed himself to certain things and we want to see whether he'll have the courage, the political will and the support of his party to carry them out," said Garba, chairman of the UN special committee against apartheid.

Garba made fresh call for economic sanctions against South Africa in opening a meeting of a blue-ribbon panel of UN-appointed experts debating the role of international corporations in that country.

A UN-backed campaign to get business to cut investment links has successfully stemmed the flow of new capital to South Africa, but has failed to prevent the flow of military, oil and computer technology, Garba told the panel.

He said the government debt rescheduling negotiations next year with its international creditors will have "critical significance" for determining how much leeway South Africa's economy will have.

Police fired bullets and tear-gas today to break up an anti-election rally at Durban University, causing a stampede in which 10 people were injured, witnesses said.

The elections are for the dominant white chamber of Parliament as well as the mixed-race and Indian chambers. Blacks, who account for 28 million of South Africa's 37 million people, are excluded.

The multi-racial university of Cape Town, site of frequent anti-apartheid demonstrations, announced today that it would be closed tomorrow and Wednesday.

For the university to adopt an attitude of business as usual in the context of the tensions surrounding the elections and the denial of fundamental freedoms ... would be neither principled nor possible," Vice Chancellor Stuart Saunders said in a statement.

The National Union of Mineworkers, the country's largest single union, said members from at least six mines have been protesting since Friday night. The union said workers were singing, dancing and carrying placards.

Also, students built a burning-tire street barricade in Athlone, the capital of South Africa since 1948, is favoured to win re-election. But

it is expected to lose seats to both the far-right Conservative Party and the anti-apartheid Democratic Party.

Riot police used tear-gas and water cannon to disperse 1,000 students at a Durban University protesting against South Africa's elections, witnesses said.

The government has detained more than 225 people, arrested nearly 1,600 others and used the "full thrust of its brutality and repressive machinery" to try to crush a pre-election civil disobedience campaign, the South African Human Rights Commission said today.

"The work stayaway is going ahead," said Phiroshaw Camay, Nactu's general secretary.

A white supervisor at a base metals refinery shot and killed a black shop steward involved in protests over racially segregated company facilities and then killed himself, company and union officials said today.

Show along Toronto's waterfront, police said. A videotape taken by an amateur photographer showed both planes spinning out of control after the collision. One exploded in flames and plunged directly into Lake Ontario, and police said its pilot, Capt. Shayne Antaya, 24, of Stratford, Ontario, was presumed dead.

The second plane, which appeared to be increasing its altitude when the crash occurred, veered out over the lake and its pilot, Maj. Dan Dempsey, ejected and parachuted to safety. Dempsey, 36, the squadron commander, was

picked up by a police boat and taken to Toronto General Hospital, where he was treated for facial cuts and minor burns and released.

The two red-and-white jets, which were among nine jets of the Canadian Forces' elite Snowbirds aerobatic team, plunged into the lake about 1:45 pm EDT, just 15 minutes after the air show began before thousands of spectators on Toronto's islands and lake shore. Antaya's wife, mother and other family members were among those who witnessed the crash.

Several witnesses said Antaya appeared to gain

Pilot presumed dead after Canadian Air Force jets crash at air show

TORONTO, Sept 4, (UPI): Two Canadian Air Force jets collided and plunged into Lake Ontario yesterday during an aerobatics show attended by thousands of spectators. Police said one pilot ejected to safety but the other went down with his plane and was presumed dead.

Police and Canadian National Exhibition spokesman said no spectators were injured. The second plane, which appeared to be increasing its altitude when the crash occurred, veered out over the lake and its pilot, Maj. Dan Dempsey, ejected and parachuted to safety. Dempsey, 36, the squadron commander, was

some control over the plane after the collision, preventing it from crashing into the spectators.

"He did it to save us," said Danielle Tremblay, 23, of Toronto. "He might have had a chance but he hit it straight down."

She said it hit the water about 200 feet (60 m) from the boat she was on.

"It was the most horrible thing," Tremblay said.

"I feel sorry for everyone who was there and had to see that."

Another witness said, "You could tell that he (Antaya) was really trying to get out into a clearing."

Side-effects cure: Nausea and vomiting, one of the side effects of cancer treatment, is being overcome with a new drug, Granisetron.

Trials for the drug, Granisetron, found it has only minor side-effects, healthy volunteers were unable to tell who had been given the drug and who had taken a dummy pill, scientists at the European conference on clinical oncology in London were told.

A trial on 982 patients found Granisetron was effective in preventing nausea and vomiting and in stopping it once it started.

The only side-effects noted by some were constipation and headaches.

The drug is not yet available to doctors. It is in the final stages of a clinical research programme, the British media reported. (KUNA)

Security measures: Confidential new security measures were being introduced from today at the historic court of the Old Bailey in central London, designed to protect the building and top judges from terrorist or criminal attacks.

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department refused today to reveal details of the new arrangements which are expected to cause some delays, "but they are considered to be a small price to pay for extra protection."

The measures will make the central criminal court one of the most secure in the land, until a new hi-tech court and prison complex at Woolwich, south London, opens in the 1990s.

The spokesman also refused to reveal the cost of the steps taken on the ground that it would indicate the type and sophistication of the equipment experts have spent the last five weeks installing. (KUNA)

Hunt continues: Two British soldiers were still very seriously ill today as West German police continued their nationwide hunt for the IRA unit which gunned them down just a few metres from their barracks.

This morning, a British army spokesman in Münster, West Germany, where Friday night's shootings took place, quoted by the media here as saying their condition was unlikely to change for several days.

The gunmen had asked the pair for directions before shooting them and then driving off at speed, in an Audi car.

The British spokesman said security for UK troops in West Germany, constantly under review, would be reconsidered in the light of the attack. (KUNA)

Copter, plane collide: A commercial helicopter collided with a small plane over a rural neighbourhood last night, killing all three people aboard, authorities said.

No injuries or damage were reported on the ground, although debris was scattered over the area.

Two people in the helicopter and the woman pilot of the single-engine plane were killed in the crash about a mile (1.5 kilometres) from the Hounslow-Terrebonne airport, said police Capt. John Donnelly.

"I heard a bang, like two cars hitting real hard," said Ken Domangue. "I saw what looked like one fairly large plane coming down. Then they separated, and one went one way and one went the other."

He said the plane and helicopter were throwing off smoke as they fell. (AP)

Archaeologists uncover: US archaeologists have unearthed pieces of a unique terracotta statue from an early shrine that probably was dedicated to Aphrodite, the ancient Greek goddess of love.

The two-thirds-life-size figure, wearing an ankle-length robe, dates from around 520 BC. It stood in a building in a walled sanctuary near the Mediterranean seashore.

"The feeling is great to be back in the skies again," said one of the Freccia Tricolore (Tricolour Arrows) pilots contacted by telephone after the show at Turkey's first international civil aerospace fair. (Reuter)

Activist jailed: A French court today sentenced a spokesman for the Charter 77 human rights movement jailed for helping to organise a petition for democratic reforms signed by some 20,000 people, an emigre source reported.

In February, Alexandre Vialatte, 28, had been given a two-month sentence suspended for two years, on charges of incitement to disrupt public order. The judge said he would be freed on July 27, 1990, if he paid a fine of 10,000 francs (\$2,000). (AP)

Cabinet named: The cabinet of provisional President Francisco Rodriguez was announced three days after he took the oath of office, with six of the members as holdovers from the previous cabinet.

The selections were announced last night in a nationwide broadcast by Information Secretary Jose Hernandez.

Earlier yesterday, about 100 people shouting "down with Noriega" gathered outside a church, while the man who international observers say should be Panama's president urged them to peacefully resist the new civilian government installed by the general.

"We are going to dedicate ourselves to resisting this military dictatorship of Manuel Antonio Noriega to the end," said opposition leader Guillermo Endara, who international observers said won the May 7 elections in a landslide. (AP)

Lubbers favoured: Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers is expected to win a third term in office on Wednesday in a national election in which pollution and cleaning up the environment are key issues.

But opinion polls predict he may have to abandon the right-wing liberals with whom he has governed for the past seven years and turn to the leftist Labour Party to form a coalition.

Co-operate: queen

IPU meeting opens

LONDON, Sept 4, (Reuters): Queen Elizabeth today urged parliamentarians from around the world, including Argentina which is still technically at war with Britain, to work together to find peaceful solutions to international problems.

She was opening the centenary conference of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) in the 11th century Westminster Hall, the oldest and most historic part of Britain's Parliament.

The week-long conference is being attended by 1,400 delegates from 108 countries.

The nation became hysterical over heroin again in the 1950s, two decades after a prohibition on liquor was repealed. Two different versions of a law passed in 1952 and 1954, calling for severe sentences for drug traffickers.

President John F. Kennedy convened a White House conference on drug abuse in 1963.

Now, top government officials are talking of the possibility of US troops fighting drug lords in a foreign land.

Urging them to continue "finding peaceful methods of solving disputes," she added: "With so much inequality and unhappiness in the world, it is important

Windfall lands Finn in jail

TAMPERE, Finland: Sept 4, (Reuters): A Finn who bought a boat and two apartments when more than \$7 million was accidentally deposited in his bank account was sentenced to 34 months in jail today.

Pertti Kumpumaki, of Tampere, central Finland, got the unexpected windfall between February and June this year. The money, paid through two different banks, should have gone to a company whose account number had one less zero than Kumpumaki's, the Tampere court heard.

In all, his account received \$7,000 incorrect payments totalling more than 4.7 million marks (\$1.1 million).

Kumpumaki bought a boat, two apartments, holidays and shares, the court heard.

He was ordered to return the money, much of which is still unaccounted for.

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British, French recall WW II

LONDON, Sept 4. (AP): A German whose submarine killed 832 British seamen six weeks after World War II broke out joined Britons yesterday in recalling the 50th anniversary of the declaration of war between their two countries.

Herbert Hermann, a torpedo man on U-47, travelled to the Scapa Flow Anchorage in Scotland's Orkney Islands where his submarine sank the 29,500-ton Royal Navy battleship Royal Oak.

He joined elderly survivors, some of them crying, at a Water-borne memorial service where wreaths were thrown on the surface above the wreck.

"I have no qualms: I done my duty and they done theirs," Hermann said in heavily accented English.

Across the English Channel, at a sombre ceremony with drums and bugles at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the French also remembered how they entered the war alongside Britain on the same day, Sunday, Sept. 3, 1939.

Several thousand people gathered at the monument to Napoleon Bonaparte's victories. Among them were former combatants carrying the blue-white-and-red flags of their prisoner-of-war or veterans' associations.

Radio and television stations in Britain played the 50-year-old announcement by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain that Britain had declared war on Germany.

"This morning the British ambassador in Berlin handed the German government the final note stating that unless we heard from them by 11 o'clock that they were prepared at once to withdraw their troops from Poland, a state of war will exist between us," Chamberlain said then.

"I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received and that consequently, this country is at war with Germany."

One radio network also broadcast part of a speech by German dictator Adolf Hitler attempting to justify the war and one by 13-year-old Prince Charles, now Britain's queen, expressing sympathy for children evacuated from London to avoid the expected bombing raids.

In Coventry, which endured the longest single bombing raid in Britain during the war, 500 people prayed for their former enemies in the new Coventry Cathedral, next to the ruins of the 700-year-old one destroyed in the attack. The 11-hour raid on Nov. 14, 1940, killed 568 people.

Forgiveness

Through a British Broadcasting Corp. linkup, the worshippers joined those in a church in Dresden, East Germany, to offer forgiveness to one another. Dresden was bombed and up to 135,000 people killed by the Allies in 1945.

In Plymouth, southwest England, representatives of the Allied countries, including a group of veterans from the Soviet Union, attended the unveiling of a bronze statue of the "Unknown Airman" honouring the 250,000 Allied airmen and women killed in the war.

Although no national official events were planned to mark the anniversary, the media are making the most of it.

Newspapers today reprinted front pages of their first day of the war issues.

The Daily Telegraph reprinted its entire 14-page issue, complete with advertisements. One, from a former Guy's Hospital nurse in the remote southwest county of Cornwall, offered "accommodation to gentlefolk, adults or children. Absolute safety."

The ads also recalled Britain's halcyon days as head of an empire. The first entry in the newspaper's birth announcements was for a boy born at Darjeeling, India, where British tea planters controlled large estates. India became independent in 1947, two years after the end of World War II.

A play painting a sympathetic portrait of Air Chief Marshall Sir Arthur Harris, who ordered the bombing that destroyed German cities in World War II, was broadcast for the first time on British television last night.

Norway forced to face refugee issue amid election campaign

ARENDAL, Norway, Sept 4. (AP): A tide of refugees threatening Norway's happy isolation is forcing it to cope with a backlash of racism as it heads toward a national election.

It's one of the hottest issues of the campaign for the Sept. 11 vote, yet many candidates are reluctant to touch it.

Anti-immigrant sentiment is partly credited for the rising popularity of right-wing leader Carl I. Hagen, who has emerged as the main challenger to Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland and her Labour Party.

Hagen has argued that Norway cannot

afford to support refugees now that its North Sea oil income has fallen sharply. His anti-tax position and attack on what he calls a bloated civil service also has won support.

Polls predict his Party of Progress may jump from two seats in the last 157-seat parliament to as many as 32 seats, as the legislature expands to 165 seats.

Evidence of racism surfaced amid sporadic violence as the number of refugees seeking asylum swelled 10-fold in two years, peaking in 1987 at about 8,600.

In recent months, immigrant centres and

homes have been bombed or shot at. Two Pakistani immigrants were stabbed to death in July.

Voters listed immigration as a key election issue in an August poll, yet the campaign debate has been low-key.

"We politicians have become careful about opposing racism. I am afraid that politicians are worried about losing votes," said Reidulf Stein, a Labour Party candidate.

Those wanting to close out refugees argue that they burden the social welfare system, take jobs, bring more crime and drugs, have overly large families and "steal" Norwegian women.

At the opposite pole are Norwegians who have violently disrupted anti-immigration rallies, hidden refugees facing deportation and labelled as racists people calling for tighter immigration rules.

Isolated on the top of Europe, Norway has remained a homogeneous country. More than 90 per cent of its 4.2 million people belong to the state Lutheran Church, and the non-members usually come from immigrant backgrounds.

Foreign citizens comprise three per cent of the population, and 65 per cent of them come from Scandinavia or other Western countries.



Azeri power

More than 100,000 people gather at Baku's main square under a giant statue of Lenin for a nationalist rally called by the Azeri Popular Front yesterday.

Demonstrators demand more autonomy from Moscow. (Reuter wirephoto)

Strike hits Azerbaijan

Shops and port idle

BAKU, Soviet Union, Sept 4. (Agencies): Many shops, a number of factories and the port shut down in the capital of Soviet Azerbaijan today at the start of a general strike called across the republic by a mass movement seeking greater autonomy from Moscow.

But food shops, hospitals, schools, post offices and government buildings remained open and public transport ran a reduced service.

"It came in by metro. It was working absolutely normally," said Alla Ismailova, a hotel janitor. "I heard there was going to be a strike, but it doesn't look like it to me."

The week-long strike was called by the Popular Front, a recently formed movement aimed at promoting Azerbaijani autonomy. It is demanding the lifting of a curfew, the holding of general elections, and official recognition from the authorities.

At least three other factories between there and the centre of Baku appeared to be working normally, with gates opening to let trucks through and no sign of any pickets.

Communist Party leaders in the republic have held talks with the Popular Front to try to persuade it to suspend its action, but they refuse to give in to any of its demands.

Row over nuns Polish violence feared

ROMA, Sept 4. (Reuters): Italy's Jewish leader said today she had asked the Vatican to transfer Catholic nuns from a convent at the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz to the West, fearing violence over the row might erupt in Poland.

"The problem is becoming bigger and bigger. I am really afraid that some violence might explode (in Poland) since the voices of reason were not listened to," said Tullio Zevi, president of Italy's Union of Jewish Communities.

Zevi told Reuters: "The Polish people must try to show any form of respect between different faiths."

She feared there might be more violent incidents in Poland like a clash between Polish workers and American Jews who tried to enter the convent grounds during a protest on July 14.

Zevi, one of the Jewish leaders who signed the 1987 accord under which the convention was to have been moved by last February, said she feared "extremist manifestations on both sides."

Exodus ruled out at present

East Germans must wait

BONN, Sept 4. (Agencies): Hungarian Interior Minister Istvan Horvath said in an interview today both Germany's had to come to an agreement before thousands of East Germans could leave his country for the West.

Finding a solution to the refugee crisis could take another four to six weeks, he said in the interview with Stern magazine distributed ahead of publication.

About 5,000 East Germans are waiting in camps in Budapest and at Lake Balaton for permission to leave this week, according to West German officials.

Horvath confirmed Budapest expected up to 15,000 more East Germans now in Hungary probably wanted to leave for the West.

"We cannot and will not allow them to leave secretly in the night," said Horvath, who also ruled out an orderly exodus over a few days.

"First East Germany and West Germany have to agree about this," he said.

Horvath said Hungary could not let the East Germans leave with West German passports issued by Bonn's embassy in Budapest because this would amount to recognising that Bonn had sovereignty over East Germans.

Bonn and East Berlin have had few contacts on the exodus and the East German press has increased its attacks on West Germany, accusing it of trying to lure away its best workers.

More than 6,000 East Germans have fled to the West across Hungary's border with Austria since Budapest began dismantling its "iron curtain" border fence in May.

Austria said last week it was suspending visa requirements for East Germans clearing the way for a big influx of refugees heading for the West from Hungary.

Horvath said Budapest could not let them leave with travel documents issued by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a solution used last month by 108 East Germans occupying the West German embassy in the Hungarian capital.

"What worked for 10, 20 or 100 people cannot be used for thousands or tens of thousands," he said.

While Budapest had good contacts with both German states, it could not arrange a solution, the minister said.

"It is not up to us to convince East Germany to agree to a solution—West Germany should do that."

As East Germans return to work and school, the gaps left by thousands of others who fled or emigrated to the West over the summer are becoming more apparent in virtually all branches of the stagnating economy.

He objected to remarks by Communist Party leader Mieczyslaw Rakowski, who expressed satisfaction yesterday at a decision by Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki to give communists more than two cabinet posts.

"No one will get a post because the party he belongs to, I will protest," Rakowski told reporters in the Baltic city of Gdansk.

"If reformers are found they will enter the government not as members of a party but as reformers."

The Solidarity trade union leader appeared to be reminding the communists that the aim of forming a coalition government was to marshal broad political support for the introduction of badly needed economic reforms, not to carve up power between rival political strata.

Rakowski threatened on Friday to take his party into the opposition and not co-operate with Mazowiecki, Poland's first non-communist prime minister since World War II, if he failed to offer the communists more than two posts.

Rakowski did not say what communists Mazowiecki offered the communists, but a senior communist official told reporters in Bonn today that the party would not give up its seats.

Stanislaw Waclaw, committee secretary responsible for ideology, said the party had asked for the ministries of foreign affairs, culture and communications, and a deputy prime minister, in addition to the defence and interior portfolios it has already been offered.

He proposed that Solidarity and the communists should each have six ministries in the 18-member cabinet with the remaining six going to the small Peasant and Democratic parties.

Solidarity sources said Mazowiecki, a former adviser to Walesa, was close to forming the government. He is expected to name his cabinet within days.

But asked about Rakowski's comments, Walesa said: "I don't like it and I am going to tell Mr Rakowski and (communist parliamentary leader Marian) Orazewski they should think about reforms rather than about posts."

"They think they deserve something. They must know they deserved nothing. People who want reforms should deserve something."



Bidding time

Tina (left) and Theresa, two young East German refugees play with a ball they adopted on Sept 3 while waiting in the Zugliget Church. The two are part of a group of East Germans who are seeking passage to the west through Hungary's border with Austria. (Reuter wirephoto)

Boat people frustrated

Probe into riots

HONG KONG, Sept 4. (Reuters): Police are investigating claims a Vietnamese man was buried alive and others hung from camp fences during rioting at a crowded Hong Kong detention centre in which one man was stabbed to death.

Police said the makeshift camp, where about 7,000 Vietnamese boat people are held in tents accommodation on a disused military airfield at Sek Kong, was ripe for rumours.

"There's one that a man was murdered and then buried, there's one that he was buried alive. We've also heard that people have been hung on the fence," said a Sack Kong officer.

Police said they had found no evidence to support the allegation a man was buried alive.

Serious rioting in Sek Kong last Saturday forced the small police contingent guarding the camp to withdraw in the face of fighting involving hundreds of metal detectors uncovered a large number of hidden weapons.

The police riot squad regained control and a sweep by Gurkha soldiers with metal detectors uncovered a large number of hidden weapons.

Five Vietnamese were charged today with taking part in the riot and are held without bail pending trial. Police said they were questioning another 47.

A government official blamed overcrowded conditions and fear of forced repatriation for rising violence inside the teeming camps.

Roh accused of breach of trust

Kim to seek impeachment

SEOUL, Sept 4. (Agencies): An opposition leader threatened today to seek impeachment proceedings against President Roh Taek-Woo if he fails to settle charges of corruption and human rights abuses against his disgraced predecessor, Chun Doo-Hwan.

In his toughest stance to date against the government, Kim had set off from the East German coast around midnight on Saturday and swam 19 hours until he was spotted by the crew of the ferry travelling to West Germany.

The spokesman said the man was buried alive and his body was found floating in the sea.

The two men, aged 21 and 34, scaled border fortifications and reached northern West Germany today.

Kim told a news conference in the southern port of Pusan that if the legacies of Chun's government were not wiped out during the upcoming National Assembly session, his party also would consider pushing a national vote of non-confidence against Roh.

Chun, who apologised to the nation last November for abuses under his administration, lives in disgrace in rural exile. Opposition lawmakers and dissidents believe settling the legacies of the Chun era is necessary to carry out full democratisation of South Korea.

■ Buddhist monks erected barricades in a provincial temple today and demanded the president of a Buddhist University in Seoul arrested last week for selling admission to be released, news reports said.

China's culture minister sacked

BEIJING, Sept 4. (Reuters): China said today Minister of Culture Wang Meng, regarded as an ally of fallen Communist Party Chief Zhao Ziyang and associated with relatively liberal arts policies, had been removed from his post.

Wang had not been seen in public since the bloody military crushing of democracy protests in June. He was not mentioned in a sweeping crackdown on dissent in the arts and media that ensued and the manner of his removal was unclear.

State radio and television both reported he had been dismissed at the suggestion of hardline Premier Li Peng. Television added that, earlier, Wang had asked to resign.

"Wang Meng is a famous writer and has several times asked to withdraw from his post to put all his energy into literary work and arts criticism," state television said.

A National People's Congress standing committee meeting decided to "respect his request," it added.

A separate television report said He Jingzhi, deputy head of the Communist Party Propaganda Department, was appointed a vice-minister of culture and acting minister last week.

Appointed in 1986, Wang's policies as minister are now under attack for allowing "bourgeois liberalism," code-words for Western political ideas, to spread among students and intellectuals.

In party meetings since June, conservative cultural officials attacked the growth of decadent literary works dealing with sex, or expressing bourgeois liberal ideas.

"River Elegy," a television documentary last year which starkly contrasted China's backwardness with the West, has been branded subversive and one of its writers is believed under arrest.

Chinese sources said Wang had been ill and effectively relinquished control of the ministry in May.

They said a large number of young officials had been demoted or dismissed in a purge of politically suspect ministry staff since June.

Last week the party Central Commission for Discipline and Inspection said it had detected several forms of corruption.

It said those include nepotism, embezzlement, profiteering, bribery, gift-giving, obtaining privileges for children, travelling abroad at public expense and using public money to build private homes.

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Ministries to set up offices in other areas

Involvement in governorate councils

IN RESPONSE to an administrative circular issued by the Ministry of State for Cabinet Affairs last week, all government ministries have begun an administrative and organisational restructuring process of all their service departments with a view to setting up administrative offices to be distributed between the five governorates of the country.

The step is intended to involve these

proposed offices in all discussions conducted by the governorate councils to start official operation as of September 14, as specified by the relevant Amiri decree.

Co-ordination

The proposed offices will be housed within the headquarters of the governorate councils respectively, and will also undertake to effect the co-ordination

required for developing and meeting the requirements each governorate within the boundaries of the set budget.

Preparations

The proposed offices will assist the governorate council in performing better public services, serve as a link between the council and related government ministry to ensure time-saving handling of public transactions, and meet the

requirements for various services of all residential areas.

Meanwhile, the relevant service ministries undersecretaries are reportedly involved in preparations for setting up the proposed offices, which have been termed as compact ministries.

A local daily has further reported that the ad-hoc committee in charge of revitalising commercial activities in the

country yesterday held a meeting at the request of the Council of Ministers for the purpose of discussing ways to activate commercial businesses in the country.

Sources close to the committee were quoted as saying that discussions at the meeting was confined to facilitating exports procedures and reconsidering the existing ports and air-landing fees.

Telecom technicians inefficient, says Bahar

Training methods unrelated

EFFICIENCY of the technical staff employed at the Local Network Department at the Ministry of Communications has reached an all point low, according to Waleed Al Bahar the director of the department.

This unproductive staff, who are paid high salaries, have now become a burden on the public budget. They do not contribute in any way to return in the public budget, and additionally, equipment operated by them do not function smoothly causing breakdowns and a loss of revenue due to the haphazard manner in which these capital intensive equipments are maintained and administered, he said.

Bahar pointed out that corruption in the public staff has had negative effects on the standard of general education in Kuwait. The main objective, these days in obtaining a certificate is only to obtain a job. Thus administrative corruption is directly reflected in the employment of fresh graduates who are appointed to adminis-

trative posts without the basic technical experience. Thus, from the very beginning of their job careers, these fresh graduates begin with a handicap.

Training

Further, the administration has as yet not formulated any training programmes for these fresh graduates which would provide them the needed expertise on the job. This has a direct bearing on supervision of technical work being entrusted to a non-Kuwaiti and is detrimental to the pragmatic policy of Kuwaitisation.

The official stressed on the necessity to urgently reconsider training policies with the objective of maintaining a high-standard of local technical manpower. Unfortunately, the present training methodologies to qualify local technicians focuses only on certain training programmes for a period of two years which more often than not have no relation to the field of

work they are appointed to undertake.

The role of training institutes and centres ends when the trainees join their work places — there is no monitoring of performance or continuity of refresher courses, the official said. Briefly, he added that these students should join work places to get on-the-job training during their periods of study and then return again to the institute for enhanced theoretical aspects.

"The state does not need more university graduates, it needs scientific institutes and faculties to provide technicians of quality," Bahar said.

The Ministry of Communications had undertaken studies to cover all present and future needs and has modernised the telephone centrals by expanding and providing electronic systems. A total of 10,000 telephone electronic lines have been established at Farwaniya Central and over 10,000 electronic lines at Riga Central besides other projects in the new housing areas.

Shop owners have begun snooping on customers

By Bassam Al Qassas

A SPATE of thefts and burglaries occurring at various Kuwaiti supermarkets, shops and market stalls resulted in most owners installing TV cameras to monitor shoppers, in addition to recruiting security personnel to guard their establishments.

A manager of a commercial store said that some people capitalise on special occasions such as Eids and other official occasions, when shopping activities are at a peak, to steal.

Sabri Olayan, an owner of a large store in Maida Hawalli said that to prevent losses through theft, he had installed closed circuit television along with security personnel to keep a watchful eye on suspect clients. He added that most thefts occur at perfume and other related sales counters.

Another owner said that they had recently apprehended a youth who had stolen one shirt and one trouser. However, the owner said that after talking to the youth, he came to the conclusion that the youth was in real distress as he had no clothes and decided to provide him with the shirt and trouser free of charge. Further, the owner said that he learned that the youth was studying at a private school and could not meet the tuition fees. "We paid a part of his fees and also gave him some garments for his use. The youth is now reformed and is grateful" the owner said.

A saleswoman who identified herself as Wojdan Mohamad said that in her establishment, the management has discontinued the practice of permitting women to enter the measurement room along with their handbags. She added that some time back, she had accosted two women whom she suspected of "shop-lifting clothes." On being confronted, they claimed that they had forgotten the clothes in their bags.

Laila Sawalha an employee at one store said that stock taking is undertaken every month and stocks are regularly found to be short. She narrated a strange incident when a lady came to replace a garment (size 44) for a size 48. She said that it was immediately ascertained that the size 44 was stolen, because this was the only piece in the store and had not been sold and was reported as missing during stock-taking. However, to prevent embarrassment, the incident was not reported to the police.

Lutti Gunain a manager of a commercial centre said switching price tags resulted in losses to his firm. Some customers remove the label from the garment and replace it with lower price labels from other items.



Central Bank restoration complete

RESTORATION of the Central Bank Building located opposite the Sief Palace has been completed, according to the authorities concerned. Both the interior and the exterior of the building has been completely

restored in the colours of the desert in true Kuwait tradition. The restoration took almost a year to complete.

Ministry of Education

Administrative methods to be simplified

ASSISTANT undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Dr Rasheed Al Hamad said that the ministry is considered one of the first in the government to address the field of administration development which is viewed as an essential and pressing requirement.

Assistant undersecretary Al Hamad added that the ministry has included a project to study and develop the current organising and administrative system at the ministry during its current five-year-plan.

The project aims at defining organisational problems in order to design a final view for administrative development methods and to simplify the currently implemented work measures. The project further aims at delineating work responsibilities, designating posts and streamlining efficiency.

Issues

Committees were formed by the ministry at the beginning of last year to conduct a study on these subjects and other related issues. He stated that these committees have come a long way in the study especially in relation to organising educational areas and the school administration.

He stressed that the plan should include finding a balance between central authorities and educational areas to achieve co-ordination among different units.

The Ministry of Education has organised four training courses for newly employed employees for the academic year 89/1990. The courses included a course on secretarial work, typewriting, and psychological guidance at schools. Another course was organised to upgrade skills when dealing with individual cases for social specialists at social service sections.

The ministry is participating in programmes prepared by Kuwait University, the Ministry of Finance, the General Authority for Applied Education and Training, the Civil

Service Commission, and the Planning Ministry, Hamad said.

The director of Ahmad Educational Area Abdullah Al Luqman has said that eight new schools will be inaugurated and ready for students of various educational levels for this academic year.

The schools included kindergartens and secondary schools mostly in West Fintas, one elementary school in Sabahiyah and the eighth in Mangaf.

He stressed on the continued effort by the area staff to ensure full provision of education requirements in the area prior to the start of the new academic year.

The coming days will witness wide-scale meetings with principals of schools in the area where discussion would deal with ways to organise administrative and educational work, in line with the educational plan for the upcoming academic year, including ways to sort out potential obstacles.

Schools in the area would suffer no shortage of teachers, although the total number of students had grown to 4182, not including the eight new schools to open soon.

However, he added, shortages might be experienced by the schools located in Wafra and Zoor, stressing that efforts were being exerted to ensure that this inconvenience posed no problems to the education process.

Budgets

He pointed out that the recent circulation of teachers in the area is aimed at filling the gaps where certain specialisations and experience are needed, particularly in the new schools.

The area has already done away with wooden classrooms and concrete replacements would be operational as of the inception of the educational activity this year. However, the official said that related furni-

shing services for some could be delayed up to October this year.

Meanwhile, the Budget Controller at the Employment Department in the ministry Mohammad Musbeh Al Hazmi has said that the performance reporting issue was the subject of discussion during the second educational symposium held recently under the chairmanship of the Minister Abdullah Al Nasser.

He said that the ministry had formed a technical committee and three other sub-committees which were assigned to a new form design, with essential changes over the old form. A report on their work had already been submitted to the Council of Undersecretaries which recommended trial of the new form design for evaluating the performance of staff in twenty schools and five departments.

He added that the new performance evaluation form is designed to be completed twice each year by the head or supervisor of staff in the establishment, whether a school or a department, which should bear his recommendations and signature.

He also said that the form is designed to encourage all staff at different ministry work sites to step up their productivity and further their performance whereby to improve the level of services and render better results. Accordingly, rewards or punitive measures could be taken.

He said that the department is active in reducing red-tape, facilitating transactions processing and stepping up efficiency rates, in line with the administrative development process.

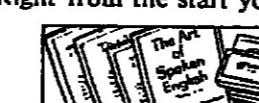
He revealed the ministry's intention to introduce computers into the department to replace the existing card-system, which would be another advantage assisting in the process of reducing unnecessary formalities, time-saving measures and higher efficiency rates.

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Sheikh Hamad establishes science club in Bahrain

IT was announced in Bahrain that a science club was established as a continuation for fundamental education.

This statement came from Head of the General Foundation for Youth and Sports in Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Rashid Al Khalifa who added that the founding of the science club came upon directions from the Bahraini Crown Prince and head of the Higher Council for Youth and Sports in Bahrain, HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa.

The club aims at spreading scientific theories and definitions among youngsters particularly those in the formative stage from 7 to 14 years of age.

He indicated that a spacious location was allocated for the establishment of the club and that the first stage of construction had already started.

A secretaries council was formed for the club headed by the head of the General Foundation, including a number of specialists from development, industry, and education ministries in addition to Bahrain University, the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research and the Youth Foundation.

Meanwhile, a statistical report published by the Bahrain Ministry of Education has said that students attending different schools in Bahrain totalled 92,862 with 47,037 males and 45,825 females for the academic year 1988/89. The report added that Bahrain had a total of 131 schools for the same academic year: 80 boys schools and 71 girls.

The report included information on the number of schools, students, classrooms, administrative, technical and teaching staff for the academic year 1988/89.

Regarding the administrative staff at Bahrain schools, statistics reveal that there are 80 male school managers and 71 female. Other posts include 69 male assistant school managers, 67 female, 76 male secretaries, 60 female, 120 male and female typists and 5 male and female administrative supervisors.

The Educational Statistic Section at the Bahrain Ministry of Education said in the report that Bahrain schools have 91 social specialists, 91 librarians, 47 laboratory technicians, nine store managers, and nine nurses.

The total number of male teachers amounted to 2,769 with 2,529 females.

The statistical data also indicated that there are 46 boys primary schools, 43 girls primary schools, 13 intermediate boys schools, 13 intermediate girls schools, 2 secondary schools for girls and six secondary schools for boys.

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Staff evaluation to improve productivity

Reports must stay confidential: officials

CONFIDENTIAL staff evaluation reports is one of the most important issues for all employees and officials. For employees a good evaluation report means a bonus, or an increment and may be a grade upwards. A poor report on the other hand, means an official warning or even termination in case an employee obtains the same poor evaluation again.

Meanwhile, officials who are given full responsibility in judging their employees' performances will be hard pressed whether they should be honest in judging their employees or be neutral so as to satisfy employees and themselves.

A local daily interviewed a number of high ranking government officials to highlight their personal views and whether these reports truly reflect a candid and honest evaluation.

Incentives

Undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission, Abdul Aziz Al Zabin stated that civil commission system should provide incentives to employees to motivate them while on duty. Meanwhile, it should urge negligent employees to improve their performance. He added that it is hard to achieve this objective unless department heads followed up the performance of employees in order to evaluate their work regularly and according to accurate scientific methods.

Judging performance levels of employees is conducted by evaluating them during a specific period of time. Zabin indicated that confidential staff performance evaluations include several elements formulated to arrive at a general overview and evaluation.

He added that these elements differ according to the nature of work presented by employees. Built on these facts, Zabin said that evaluating an employee's performance is very important and is vital to the interests of the department and the employee.

The Civil Service Commission pays great concern towards such evaluations after conducting accurate studies on the methods of performance evaluation for each job.

Zabin pointed out that the

government places emphasis on the evaluation system due to the fact that it has important results that affect productivity levels and national income.

Explanations

Zabin indicated that the Civil Service Commission evaluation system held direct section and department heads responsible for evaluating their employees. The system permits conducting confidential performance evaluations more than once a year. It also indicates that reports on staff performances should include one of the two result evaluations (poor or good) along with explanations of the decision.

Regarding the confidentiality of performance evaluation reports, Zabin added that most systems have two types of directions, the first calls upon announcing evaluation reports and the second calls for keeping such reports confidential.

Regarding the common mistakes committed on evaluation reports, Ayoub said that department heads may favour some of their employees. In addition, some heads may err by just looking at one side like the employee's capability of arriving and leaving their work punctually.

Therefore, Ayoub said that employees should be judged on an overall basis and not just one characteristic.

Improve

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Dr Masaed Al Haroun said that mainly, performance evaluation reports aim at evaluating employees' performances at any establishment. He indicated that such evaluation should be utilized to improve the work level and should not be looked at as just an evaluation.

He added that reports should be utilized to figure out the negative and positive sides of a sector or a department to achieve fuller satisfaction for employees. Full coverage on employees' performances and regularity in making these reports are important characteristics of confidential performance evaluation reports.

He added that he believes that employees should not be notified of their evaluation reports to achieve better results and to avoid problems at work.

Employment systems

The Kuwait Civil Service Commission performance evaluation system considered the confidentiality of performance reports as the origin in dealing with employees and considered announcing results of reports in special cases only.

Zabin stated that the Civil Service Commission is now preparing to conduct a study on the current employment systems due to the fact that existing systems are now ten years old. He added that all government authorities were sent letters in this regard to obtain their feed-back.

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Communications, Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub said that the current performance evaluation reports are being implemented according to measures and standards issued by the Civil Service

NHA to minimise waiting period

ASSISTANT Director-General of the National Housing Authority (NHA) Farid Al Jail has said that it is hoping to further minimise the time period applicants have to wait before they receive government houses. It is envisaged that it will be less than 10 years for applicants wishing to have houses in suburban areas. More for those wishing their houses to be located in close proximity to the city.

He said at a symposium discussing "Developments in Housing Issue" held at the Kuwait Teachers Society headquarters last Saturday that housing applications had so far reached 33,000, compared to an annual construction of 4000 houses.

The NHA is currently attending to applications submitted February 1980, and a total of 25,000 housing units will be constructed under the next housing plan (90-95), scheduled to begin in July 1990, he said.

Jail pointed out that the NHA is planning to rationalise the use of land valid for construction. He stressed that the next plan would make extensive use of the vertical expansion technique and that houses built near the city would be on an area of 200 square metres, but 400 sq metres for those constructed in suburban areas, such as Wafta, Khiran, Um Al Haiman and Jaha.

Scarcity

This policy is prompted by the scarcity of land valid for construction in addition to the lands allocated for anticipated postitory requirements. Consequently, 50 per cent of the NHA four-five-year plan projects will be constructed on comparatively smaller site areas.

He added that the existing areas of planned land would accommodate 11,441 housing units, of which 9,713 are 400 square metres and 1,728 are 200-250

square metres. The first part of the plan could involve up to 3,000 units.

Part two of the plan involves projects currently under planning such as the Um Al Haiman Housing Project where the total number of designed units is 4,000 at 400 square metres each, Hadia Housing project containing 447 houses at 400 square metres, West Fintas Project would contain 400 houses at less than 200 sq. m. each and the Sulabikhah project involving 1,200 houses with 200 sq. metres.

Other projects to be executed under the upcoming plan included Sector R of the Qurain Project, which would contain 800 units at 400 sq. m. and Sector D2 with 1,277 houses at 400 each. This will offer citizens the chance to sign contracts with private contractors to build their assigned plots within the cost boundaries of the housing loan estimated at KD54,000 offered by the Credit and Savings Bank.

Adjustments

The citizen would also have the right to make adjustments or additions to houses constructed in Sector H of the Qurain Project and Bloc C in the West Fintas project, including the freedom to choose the building material to be used.

Jahra Project No. 3 will involve the construction of 1,300 housing units at 400 square metres each, 1,218 others in Wafta project, 465 others in Khiran, 206 in Faialka, all at 400 square metres, except the small housing adjoining units of the Sawaber Project at 200 sq.m. each.

The NHA would nevertheless not be able to solve the housing issue completely under the next plan, as more and more applications continue to be submitted.

The government is now involved in the disentanglement of functional overlapping between the NHA, Kuwait Municipality and the Credit and Savings Bank, Jail said.

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KFAS to organise technology conference

Co-operation with OIC

KUWAIT Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) will organise a conference on advanced techniques and their role in developing the Islamic world from December 2-5 in co-operation with the Islamic Academy for Science.

The conference aims at studying latest developments in advanced technological

and electronic fields. It will also study methods to benefit from latest techniques by exchanging experiences in fields of agriculture, food, industry, health, environment, education and energy. The conference will submit its recommendations to leaders of the Islamic countries.

Representatives of Jordan, Tunis, Pak-

istan, France, West Germany, Canada and USA will submit different papers to conference members of the academy who will discuss and provide their respective comments.

Dr Abbas Maafri of Kuwait University will submit research on modern tech-

nology applications in energy. Dr Usama Al Khouri will also submit a paper in the name of KISR. Students and teachers of Kuwait University as well as other interested people from Kuwait and GCC states can attend meetings of the conference by writing to KFAS before the end of this month.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Female workers face sexual harassment

AMONG the expatriate workforce in the Gulf, men significantly outnumber women in most categories of work. While there is a large number of non-working foreign women usually housewives dependent on their husbands, there exists a segment of expatriate women who work in various fields throughout the region. In view of the small number of these working ladies not much is known or mentioned about their lives and working conditions in general. However, there is no denying the fact that the role and contribution of this segment of workers is just as important as expatriate men to the host country's economy. While the bulk of these foreign female workers comprise or housemaids, there are those who work as secretaries, salesgirls and receptionists in establishments dealing in all kinds of activities.

Most of these ladies are in their twenties and thirties. A fair number of the households who come to work here for private households are married leaving behind a husband and several children.

A survey conducted by the Arab Times has revealed that the majority of housemaids in Bahrain, including a large number of Filipinas, are married with an average of two children per family back home. There also exists a fair number of these domestic workers, particularly from the Philippines, who have separated from their husbands. These women feel compelled to work abroad in the hope of seeking better economic prospects for their families like all expatriates. However, they face some unpleasant experiences while toiling for their livelihood here in view of their relative youth and single working status.

Unfortunately they become victims of circumstances. They quite often are exposed to ignominy in the course of their work at the hands of callous and immoral employers.

A foreign woman working alone here becomes invariably vulnerable due to her sex, youth and loneliness. Some employers take advantage of the situation by forcing a helpless woman to have an illicit relationship. The woman concerned may or may not report sexual abuse or assault depending on her state of mind and circumstances. A lot of women don't report such an incident out of shame and fear. An employer usually calls the shots as he can terminate the employment of the young lady at random and have her deported on some pretext or the other and not allow her to return to the country to work again without his written permission.

Although this system may sound hopeless and unfair for the victim it is not really so. A lot of these women don't wish to publicise their plight because of the humiliation and social stigma attached to sexual abuse cases.

Help

In Bahrain just like everywhere else in the Gulf there have been a number of such cases over the years. Since most of these cases are not reported there is no exact figure available. Some women just succumb to their fate. Others are not so brave and resort to extreme measures including suicide. It is also common for such expatriate women to simply abscond from their employers and take refuge with friends.

The authorities are always on the lookout to help such victims and ready to inflict severe punishment to the criminals. But as one leading labour lawyer told the Arab Times recently, there is little that the law can do to help unless the victims come forward with their complaints.

However it must also be mentioned that there exists a segment of such working women who in order to win favours and earn financial gain from both employers and 'boyfriends' resort to illicit sexual relationships willingly. Some see it as a way to make quick easy money as well as having a 'good time' while here. It appears that the seemingly affluent lifestyle and endless luxuries make these girls greedy and immoral in their priorities and needs.

The majority are meanwhile silent sufferers. It is bad enough for them to stay separated from their loved ones back home over long periods suffering loneliness and a host of psychological and mental problems, than also to experience cruel ritual of enforced physical pleasures to please some men.

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Thought for today

WHENEVER you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Scottish writer (1859-1930).

PRESS REVIEW

KUWAITI dailies yesterday gave prominence to the non-aligned countries summit in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade, birthplace of the 28-year-old movement.

The Kuwaiti newspapers pinned great hopes on the conference that it would come up with practical settlements to global problems threatening world peace and security.

Al Qabas daily expressed hope that the summit would have ample time to convert the current "temporary" military truce in the Arabian Gulf to lasting and comprehensive peace by implementing the UN Security Council resolution 598.

"If the leaders of this movement really want to restore the vital role it used to play during the old days of its founders" then they have to lead a balanced line to mend international relations and at the same time eliminate spots of regional tension from which neocolonialism infiltrates to hegemonize the capabilities of the nations and suck their resources."

The paper was of the opinion that prolonging the time of truce was in the interest of war rather than peace because, the paper added, the truce is used for armament, training and mobilization of troops.

"Therefore, the non-aligned movement which is fully aware of the fact that regional conflicts always lead to foreign intervention and bring human miseries, is obliged to throw its weight in the interest of realizing peace in the Gulf region at all cost," *Al Qabas* said. (Kuna)

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AL-RAI AL-AAM criticized the sluggishness of the movement in the past years and urged its leaders to revitalize it to cope with current international developments.

"There are many issues facing the non-aligned countries which have been featuring every year in the agenda of their summit but without any progress. Top on these issues is the Palestinian question, the most important issue before the Belgrade conference," the paper said.

The paper noted that the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories is a major development which should have adequate concern from Belgrade's summit.

"It is not enough to condemn occupation and to assert the importance of human rights while Israel is consecrating occupation, deporting and violating the human rights of the Palestinians under eyes of the entire world." *Al-RAI AL-AAM* said.

"We believe that the non-aligned countries take part of the responsibility for lack of parity and disturbance of security and peace in the world. And the undisputed evidence for this is what the Palestinian people is facing at the hands of occupation forces throughout four decades without the movement being able to bring an end to their sufferings despite its political clout," the paper said.

"That is to say, it is not enough for the movement to have principles and objectives, most important is to know how to interpret those principles and those objectives and to dedicate its capabilities and influence to serve the interests of its nations and those under its banner," opined *Al-RAI AL-AAM*. (Kuna)

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AL-ANBA newspaper meanwhile said Kuwait bears special responsibility in the Nam meeting and His Highness the Amir participates in this summit conference carrying two messages: the message of the Islamic world in his capacity as OIC chairman and the message of Third World's heavily indebted nations.

The tragedy of the developing countries' debts has become an international issue after the address of His Highness the Amir at the UN General Assembly last September in which he urged the world to seek a collective solution for the debts issue, it added.

Kuwait will express unequivocal and principled support to the Palestinian question and to the heroic uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, said the daily.

The Nam summit, it went on, should adopt positive stands toward solving the Lebanese crisis and unanimously move to restore security and stability in the war-torn Arab country. (Kuna)

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Al-Watan daily, commenting on the Nam summit, described it as a turning point in the history of the Third World movement.

The paper urged the Arab countries to use the Nam platform for explaining major Arab issues such as the Palestinian question, the Lebanon crisis and the Gulf conflict.

The call for peaceful settlement of regional questions does not imply submission by the weak party to the powerful, nor does it mean turning the left cheek to those who slapped us on the right one.

Being held in an atmosphere of international detente, change of colonist-colonized relation into creditor-debtor relation, zeal for disarmament and environment protection, the summit is broadly hoped to prove successful and fruitful. (Kuna)

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FOR its part, an English language daily, sees the current atmosphere of detente and the recent rapprochement between the superpowers as a journey towards neutrality, the goal set by the Nam's pioneers. "This highly welcome development promises great gains to the movement. It should be fully capitalized in truly neutral and fearless decision-making. It should not be allowed to become a cause for complacency in any case," it wrote.

Paying tribute to Kuwait's balanced policy, the paper said His Highness the Amir who won the world applause by forcefully advocating relief for the indebted countries during his UN address last September will be giving specific proposals on the issue at the Nam forum.

"His Highness the Amir who is known for his persistence in advocacy of just causes should be getting the total support of the Nam fraternity in re-stating the debt problem. We hope the rich nations which rule the economic destiny of the world will not hesitate to reform their callous system of lending without further delay," concluded the daily. (Kuna)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1514 — Selim I of Turkey enters Tabriz, Persia.

1590 — Duke of Parma, advancing from the Netherlands, forces France's King Henry IV to lift siege of Paris in Catholic League war.

1658 — Dutch take Jaffnapatam, last Portuguese possession in Ceylon.

1698 — New East India Company is granted charter by King William III of England; Peter the Great executes the Strelitz rebels in Russia and imposes tax on beards.

1798 — Turkey declares war on France.

1860 — Britain, Austria, France, Prussia, Russia and Turkey sign treaty to restore order in Syria after massacre of Christians by Druses.

1864 — Combined British, French and Dutch fleets attack Japan in Shimoneko Straits in reprisal for closing ports and expelling foreigners.

1905 — Treaty of Portsmouth (New Hampshire in USA), with US President Theodore Roosevelt mediating, ends Russo-Japanese war.

1939 — United States proclaims neutrality in World War II.

1969 — Arrests are made in Saudi Arabia following reports of abortive coup.

1972 — Eleven Israeli Olympic athletes, four Palestinian commandos and a West German policeman are killed in a 24-hour gun battle at Munich airport.

1977 — Gunmen in West Germany kidnap prominent German industrialist Helmut Martin Schleyer and kill four of his bodyguards.

1986 — Four gunmen holding hijacked Pan Am jet in Pakistan open fire on passengers without warning, and witnesses say at least 100 people are gunned down.

1987 — Israeli jets blast Palestinian commando bases near Sidon, killing 41 people and wounding 60.

1988 — Israel accuses a top Muslim religious leader of urging worshippers to attack Jews.



A Palestinian with hands bound shouts from his bus on his release from prison. (Reuter wirephoto)

Flexing fiscal muscle

SOLDIERS and tax officials sweep into Ahmed's tiny West Bank store. Claiming he owes back taxes on his annual income of several hundred dollars, they bill him \$250,000. The soldiers search Ahmed's home and confiscate \$3,000 in savings.

Ten miles away, near Ramallah, Adnan, a college student, is arrested and told to pay back taxes owed by his father. He protests that he has no money. Soldiers insult and punch him, seize his ID card, and force him to wait in line seven hours a day for a week to obtain temporary credentials.

Scenes like this — the first reported in an Israeli newspaper, the second from an affidavit filed with a human-rights group — have become commonplace around the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as Israel continues to flex its fiscal as well as its military muscles to bring an end to the 19-month Palestinian uprising.

At one level a matter of taxes and revenue, these incidents epitomize the struggle between Israelis and Palestinians for control of the West Bank and Gaza, which were placed under military occupation by Israel in 1967.

Israeli sources say more aggressive methods of assessing and collecting taxes from Palestinians are needed to compensate for the loss of revenue resulting from a business slowdown caused by the uprising and from the refusal of many Palestinians to pay taxes as a form of civil disobedience.

But Palestinians say a variety of new taxes and sometimes abusive means of collecting them, including nighttime "tax raids," confiscation, and onerous administrative requirements, are punitive measures designed to make life as miserable as possible to break the spirit of the uprising.

At stake for Israel is political control of the West Bank and Gaza and the money needed to pay for the occupation. Both are challenged by the uprising. As stake for Palestinians are everything from wedding plans to new businesses, permits for which are now held hostage to Israel's determination to use taxes as an instrument to combat the uprising.

"It's gratuitous and tyrannical," says one Western development official. "The creativity of the authorities in thinking up new things to tax has reached new heights."

"It gets to the heart of the way Palestinians feel they are being treated by Israel," adds the official about a system which is invariably described by Palestinians as arbitrary and humiliating.

"Together with the use of brutal force, it jeopardizes the ability of Palestinians ever to live with Israel and to make peace."

At the core of the dispute over taxes is the question of whether Israel earns a profit from the occupation.

Before the uprising, Israeli sources estimated annual revenues from the territories for fiscal 1987-88 of \$140 million — the amount needed to provide basic services — from income, value-added (VAT), and property taxes, plus a variety of special fees. After the intifada began in December 1987, the revenue estimate was lowered to \$100 million.

Palestinians respond that when all sources of revenue from the West Bank and Gaza are figured in, including customs duties on imports to the territories and income taxes paid by Palestinians working in Israel, Israel ends up collecting far more in revenue than it reinvests in the territories. One leading Palestinian economist estimates total income from the territories at \$337 million in 1986.

According to the West Bank Data Project, an Israeli research institute, in 1987 Israel used at least \$80 million in funds collected from Arab residents of the territories for expenditures inside Israel. International law allows an occupier to raise taxes but prescribes that they be used only for the benefit of the occupied population...

Palestinians also point out that taxes paid by Arabs are used for the benefit of Jews settlers.

No budget detailing revenues raised from the territories is published by the civil administration.

One Israeli security source insists that there has been no change in Israel's tax collection methods.

The official attributed recent tax increases to higher costs of the occupation and said many taxes inside Israel have also been raised due to normal cost of living increases.

When it took over the West Bank in 1967, Israel inherited from Jordan a system of direct taxes on income and property and indirect taxes including import duties and excise taxes on locally manufactured goods.

During the first 20 years of the occupation, income tax rates were substantially increased. Meanwhile, Jordanian tax courts were abolished as Israel turned over the appeals process to the same tax officials responsible for assessing taxes in the first place.

Since the start of the intifada, Israel has stepped up its tax enforcement efforts in two ways:

● New and increased taxes. The most dramatic example was a one-time tax imposed last September on automobiles and other vehicles that cost their owners an average of \$450 and which, by next September, will have raised \$24 million in revenue for Israel.

In addition, a VAT averaging \$2,500 was imposed for the first time last fall on olive presses just days before the short time critical to the processing of the West Bank's leading crop was due to begin.

Since the start of the uprising there have also been

sharp increases — disproportionate increases, Palestinians say — in fees for such Israeli-provided services as hospital care.

● More aggressive enforcement of tax laws. One new tactic has been to link the granting of over 25 permits ranging from drivers licences to birth certificates to the payment of all taxes. The measure has made it impossible for Palestinians to use selective non-payment of taxes as a means of civil disobedience to protest the Israeli occupation.

Another new tactic has been the enforcement of VAT on business transactions. VAT collections have always been problematical since Palestinians have either been unable — or, since the start of the uprising, often unwilling — to fulfill the bookkeeping requirement imposed by Israeli military law.

While such failure was often ignored in the past, Israeli authorities are now using it to demand enormous sums, often based on arbitrary estimates of the volume of business transactions and often many times higher than previous monthly VAT assessments.

In the meantime Israel has slowly whittled away at the safeguards that protect the rights of taxpayers before property could be confiscated.

"There's an atmosphere of utter lawlessness about it," says Palestinian attorney Jonathan Kuttab, who specializes in VAT cases. "It has become grand larceny."

At the root of Palestinian discontent are the arbitrary and often intimidating methods by which tax laws are enforced. According to the Palestinian human rights organization Al Haq, these methods include frequent tax raids by Israeli soldiers and tax officials in which curfews are imposed, stiff taxes and fines are levied, and property and ID cards confiscated without due process.

Under a 1988 military order, Israeli tax collectors can use force to break into homes to collect taxes without judicial process.

Tax officials often penalize third parties for the non-payment of taxes by relatives, friends or employers, the rights group contends. Meanwhile, Palestinians complain of being forced to wait in tax lines for dozens of hours, often over the course of several days, to obtain a single permit.

"It's gratuitous humiliation," says the Western development official. "They seem to hope that this will wear down the population and that the intifada will ease off."

"The most important element in the crackdown is that it is completely arbitrary," says Ghassan Al Khatib, an economist at Bar Ilan University in the West Bank. "There are simply no rules."

(Occupied Jerusalem — CSM)

Trunkful of pessimism in Israel

WHEN she moved from Boston two years ago to the West Bank settlement of Efrat, Deborah Risk-Tobin brought a trunkful of optimism. She was convinced that Jews and Arabs could live together peacefully.

"I used to think there were things I could do to dispel racism," says the soft-spoken mother of four who, with her husband Michael, practices psychology in occupied Jerusalem. "I believed that if I worked hard enough at it, and if others worked hard enough, it would make a difference."

But that was before the intifada, the Palestinian uprising.

"Now I'm less optimistic, less naive," says Risk-Tobin. "I see that what's won one day is lost another. Maybe we can hope for small pockets of progress, but when you talk about peace and real co-existence, I fear it will not happen in my lifetime."

She is not alone. Nineteen months after the uprising began, all Israel, it seems, is gloomy.

Analysts say the somber atmosphere partly stems from the sense of vulnerability created by the uprising.

At a deeper level, the unending violence has left many Israelis feeling emotionally worn down, more discouraged about the future, less confident that events are under control, and less certain about what policies to pursue to cope with a deteriorating situation.

"This is a fairly hardened people, but the intifada has penetrated the core of Israeli society," says a Hebrew University professor who asked not to be named. "The accumulation of 19 months of uncertainty and frustration are beginning to show."

"The tensions people are living under are simply tremendous," adds Hannoach Smith, one of Israel's leading pollsters. "They're highly disturbed by the continued flow of events but they don't see any solutions."

"They're patiently supporting the government position (on dealing with the uprising)," adds

Smith, summarizing the results of recent polls, "but not confident it will save them from an outcome they fear," meaning the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Analysts trace Israel's dark mood to the growing feeling that the intifada could drag on indefinitely.

Israel has had its share of crises, but most, such as the "Six-Day War" in 1967, have been brief. The intifada, on the other hand, has lasted 19 months. With no end in sight, a sense of helplessness and entrapment has set in, says Reuven Gal, the former chief psychologist of the Israeli Army.

That may be one reason why the intifada has not triggered the kind of massive street demonstrations that occurred during Israel's Lebanon war in the early 1980s, other analysts speculate.

The frustration many Israelis now feel has been deepened by the recognition that two overriding national objectives are incompatible, making both unattainable, adds Dr. Gal. On one hand, Israelis would like to suppress the uprising decisively. On the other, they want Israel to retain its moral integrity.

The recognition that Israel cannot have it both ways has created "burnout" and a "psychological numbness" that has also made many Israelis less sensitive to the violence of the intifada," explains Gal, who now heads a military research institute south of Haifa.

"It's not because Israelis are immoral or inhumane, but because the dilemma is too terrible to keep thinking about constantly," Gal says.

Analysts say some Israelis cope with the frustrations by blocking out reality, especially in cities like Tel Aviv that are far removed from the daily incidents of violence that occur in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Alternatively, these frustrations have spilled over into ugly incidents of racism.

For the most part it is not hatred but fear and confusion that have clouded the Israeli mood since the start of the uprising, various experts say. One of

the most troubling consequences, they add, has been the polarisation of Israeli society.

While the intifada has produced unity and solidarity among Palestinians, it has left Israelis more deeply divided than ever before.

The most vicious, acrimonious arguments these days are among Jews," notes the Hebrew University professor. "The lines of communication are getting seriously blocked. The tones are rising and the qualifiers are getting lost."

"People don't see an end to the uprising," adds the professor, "so the country is turning on itself."

Symptomatic of the rising bellicose level was a widely noted speech by Israeli writer Amoz Oz to a June 3 rally of "Peace Now" activists in Tel Aviv.

Referring to extremist leaders of the Jewish settler movement, Oz warned that a "monster," "a savage and insane blood-cult," was threatening to impose an "ugly and distorted version of Judaism on the state of Israel."

In a counter-salvo, the mayor of the West Bank settlement of Ariel, Ron Na

Iran seeks GCC mediation with Saudis

NICOSIA, Sept. 4. (Reuters): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was quoted today as saying he would welcome moves by Gulf Arab states to improve relations between Tehran and Saudi Arabia.

Velayati told the English-language newspaper *Tehran Times* in remarks quoted by the official Iranian news agency (Irna) that he would like the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) to work for a rapprochement in relations.

The GCC, which groups Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, has expressed a desire for better links with Iran, but has cited strained Riyadh-Tehran relations as the main hurdle.

Saeed Rajai Khorasani, head of the Majlis (Parliament) foreign affairs

commission, urged the foreign ministry yesterday to improve relations with its conservative neighbour.

But a radical Tehran newspaper lashed out in an editorial at Khorasani for his overtures to the Saudi government.

Iran boycotted the pilgrimage after Saudi Arabia set a quota for pilgrims

and Iran's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini repeatedly criticised the Saudi government.

Tehran Times, an English-language daily newspaper close to Iran's so-called pragmatists, on Thursday quoted an unidentified source close to President Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying that "unresolved issues" will have to be "thrust out" before Tehran-Riyadh relations can be restored.

That statement came only two days after Rafsanjani, elected July 28, won parliamentary approval for a 22-man cabinet consisting largely of technocrats, many of them Western-educated, rather than revolutionary ideologues.

Sixth

UAE sets Polish ties

ABU DHABI, Sept. 4. (AP): The United Arab Emirates today established diplomatic relations on ambassadorial level with Poland, an official announcement said.

The announcement, carried by the Emirates news agency, said the move "emanated from a mutual desire to develop friendly relations and co-operation" between the two countries.

Poland thus became the sixth East bloc country with which the UAE has established ties since the mid-1980's. The others are China, the Soviet Union, Hungary, Romania and Czechoslovakia.

The UAE is a member of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council. GCC countries have been moving slowly toward establishing relations with the East bloc.

Kuwait is the only GCC country that has had links with the East since its independence in 1961.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Prince Hassan calls

AMMAN, Sept. 4. (Reuters): Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, opening a two-day conference on Arab-Japanese relations today, called for a practical step-by-step approach.

"How can we work together to promote wider and closer co-operation between Japan and the Arab world?" Hassan asked. "I agree with the practical step-by-step approach."

More than 50 officials and intellectuals from Japan, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates and North Yemen attended the opening.

Ordered free

CAIRO, Sept. 4. (Reuters): Two Egyptian human rights leaders whose arrest sparked protests by local and foreign human rights groups were ordered freed today, a state prosecutor said.

Researcher Mohammed El Sayed Said and lawyer Amir Saleem, of the newly-formed Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights, were detained last month in a roundup of more than 50 suspected communists accused of trying to topple the government.

ELF accuses

KUWAIT, Sept. 4. (Kuna): The Eritrean Liberation Front today accused a rival faction of killing one of the ELF leaders.

The front said that its executive committee member, head of the military bureau and deputy general commander of the ELF Liberation Army Mahmoud Hasab Mohamed was killed last night in the Sudanese city of Kassala to which he had arrived from Eritrean liberated areas.

The front told Kuna that elements of the People's Front for the Liberation of Eritrea had assassinated the ELF leader.

Kurds claim

BAGHDAD, Sept. 4. (Reuters): Iraqi-backed Kurds said today they killed at least 40 Iranian soldiers last week in a three-day attack in northwest Iran.

A spokesman for the Baghdad-based Iranian Kurdish Democratic Party said the battle, which ended on Thursday, was fought near Salmazin a frontier area about 120 km (70 miles) north of the point where the borders of Iran, Iraq and Turkey meet.

The group had reported killing 132 Iranian revolutionary guards, wounding 25 and capturing 30 in other attacks in second half of August.

Navy exercise

NICOSIA, Sept. 4. (Reuters): Iran said yesterday that its Navy would hold manoeuvres in the Gulf and Sea of Oman in December to demonstrate its combat capacity.

The Iranian News Agency Isna quoted Navy commander Rear Admiral Mohammad-Hussein Malek-Zadeqan as saying the exercise would include mock evacuations. The agency did not say how many vessels would take part.

Stay extended

TUNIS, Sept. 4. (UPI): The head of Tunisia's Islamic fundamentalist movement, "Renaissance," has decided to prolong a four-month stay abroad because of a "determination in the political climate" at home, aides said today.

Rached Ghannouchi has decided not to return to Tunisia "for the time being" because "obstacles" in the democratization process would limit his activities, members of "Renaissance" said.

Iraqi arts

PARIS, Sept. 4. (UPI): Under patronage of French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, an exhibition of Iraqi contemporary arts is due to be opened here today.

The exhibition, which will be inaugurated by Secretary of State, Thierry de Beaucaire at the Arab World Institute, exposes until the end of September the works of 17 Iraqi artists.

Works of the Dean of Iraqi Artists, Shakir Al Said, 64, will be among the paintings to be displayed in the exhibition, as they were earlier shown in galleries in Baghdad, Kuwait, Beirut, Rome and London.

The list of artists also includes the Portuguese-educated Salem Al Dabbagh whose geometric paintings were received in galleries in Buenos Aires, New Delhi and Berlin.

Israeli warplanes destroy Jibril base

Four commandos dug out from rubble after raid

RASHAYA, Lebanon, Sept. 4. (Reuters): Israel's warplanes destroyed a base of a Syrian-backed radical Palestinian group in Lebanon early today in a rare night attack to avenge commando raids against its borders.

The air strike demolished a one-storey building used by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC), led by Ahmed Jibril, to plan military operations against Israel. Palestinian sources said.

The sources said four commandos were trapped under the rubble for

hours before being rescued. All were injured and one was in critical condition.

The Israeli jets attacked the base in Majdel-Balhia village northwest of Rashaya in East Lebanon's Bekaa Valley at 2.00 am (2300 GMT).

In the past, the Israeli Air Force has normally raided Palestinian or Lebanese targets in Lebanon during daylight hours.

In Jerusalem, an Army spokesman said orders were issued from the PFLP-GC base for attacks on Israel. "It was a headquarters for the terrorist organisation of Jibril," the spokesman said.

"I cannot pinpoint which activities have been launched from this headquarters. I don't know if this is the base they got out of, but the orders definitely came out of there."

The PFLP-GC, in a statement released in Beirut, vowed to continue fighting Israel and what it described as PLO chairman Yasir Arafat's submissive policies towards the Jewish state.

"Jewish raids will not stop us from continuing our armed struggle ... we will firmly confront those who deviated and surrendered, under the leadership of Arafat, through compromises to Jewish leaders," the statement said.

The PFLP-GC, a splinter group of the PLO, rejected Arafat's recognition of Israel last December and has repeatedly pledged to fight to the finish.

In its most spectacular operation, a lone PFLP-GC fighter crossed into Israel by hang-glider in 1987 and killed six Israeli soldiers before he was shot dead.

In March, it claimed responsibility for an attempt to infiltrate into Israel in which two commandos were killed in the Israeli-patrolled buffer strip in South Lebanon.

"The front will remain loyal to its principles and the goals of our revolution until the liberation of our land and people," said the PFLP-GC statement said.

Shortly after the raid, pro-Israeli militiamen of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) shelled the Shiite Muslim market town of Nabatiyah, 37 km (24 miles) southwest of Rashaya.

Security sources in Nabatiyah said nine people were wounded in the hour-long bombardment, which destroyed cars and damaged houses.

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Centuries-old castle an architectural masterpiece

Iraq restoring oldest Islamic monument to revive past glories

SHFATHA, Iraq, Sept 4, (AP): Experts are restoring the spectacular centuries-old castle of Al Ukhaidir, a crumbling architectural masterpiece and the country's oldest Islamic monument, as part of an ambitious programme to revive Iraq's ancient glories.

The 30-million-dinar (\$120 million) restoration effort at Al Ukhaidir also calls for conservation of other small palaces in the western desert, not far from the Shiite Muslim shrines at Karbala and Najaf 100 miles (160 kilometres) south of Baghdad.

The restorations will make Iraq's early Arab heritage more accessible to visitors and provide a contrast with the renowned ancient sites of Ur, Babylon, Nimrud and Nineveh in the north of the

country, the conservators say.

President Saddam Hussein is striving to bolster Iraq's image by promoting its ancient greatness and its history that dates back at least 6,000 years.

During the eight-year war against Iran, Saddam skilfully portrayed Iraq as an Arab bulwark against Persian aggression by recalling Asyrian and Babylonian victories in the first millennium BC over the Persians.

Al Ukhaidir characterises that ancient glory. With its 48 towers and thick walled enclosure, it stands rising 21 metres (65 feet) above the desert, it looms as a striking landmark visible for miles (kilometres).

The British scholar Gertrude Bell, who visited Al Ukhaidir in 1909 while travelling from Syria to

Iraq, called it "a solitary magnificence which rose out of the desert."

Two years later she made a study of the architecture, concluding that it was "the logical outcome of the period of cultural transition" when Arabs switched from a nomadic to a settled lifestyle.

Historians and archaeologists differ on how old the castle is, but agree it was built by an Arab amir or caliph in the century after the Islamic conquest of Iraq in the mid-7th century AD.

"Whoever built it, the castle testifies that the first Islamic builders assimilated neighbouring civilizations ... an assimilation which later expressed itself in a high order of artistic impulse," said Abdul Aattar Al Azawi, head of

the restoration team.

The complex was built of rough stones hauled from surrounding areas, with mudbrick used for interior walls. It was coated with gypsum, a soft white plaster, for protection against rain and sandstorms that still blow in from the desert.

The palace filled most of the interior, featuring a huge banqueting hall, guest suites, guardrooms, a mosque and baths, as well as two large assembly areas. The stairways on the walls were broad enough for defenders to ride horses up to the battlements.

The restorers, aided by a small army of Sudanese and Egyptian labourers, are using traditional materials for the reconstructions, including trunks of date-palms to replace missing roofs.

Villagers in the region still use that method to roof their mudbrick houses.

Al Azawi said the castle was the "first important structural monument" built by the Arabs after they established themselves in areas formerly ruled by the Sassanian and Byzantine empires.

"No doubt the interaction and even borrowing from these civilizations are still evident, but the Arab contribution can easily be detected," he said.

There are no inscriptions or records by which archaeologists can fix the date the castle was founded. Oddly enough, this is the only one of many monuments in the early period where mudbrick surrounded courtyards and open spaces.

But experts have deduced from studies of contemporary documents that it probably was built by Issa Bin Mousa, an heir-apparent to the Abbasid dynasty who took refuge in the desert around 760 AD, fearing a palace coup.

Caliph Abu Ja'far Al Mansour agreed that his nephew should succeed him but then changed his mind and named his own son, Mohammad Al Mahdi, instead.

Al Azawi is also working to piece together evidence suggesting the castle stood at a crossroads of commercial caravan routes across the desert, linking trading centres in Iraq and Syria.

He said the most important Arab architectural innovations in the early period where mudbrick surrounded courtyards and open spaces.

Kenyan parks once again safe

Tourists need not fear to tread

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept 4, (AP): Conservationist George Adamson's slaying was the third fatal attack in Kenya's wilds since July, raising fears for the safety of visitors and the health of the nation's vital tourist industry.

But officials contend the East African nation's game parks remain generally safe. They blame the recent violence partly on a massive effort to save Kenya's elephants, which has driven well-armed poachers out of the animal reserves and into other forms of banditry.

They also point out that the fatal attacks took place in particularly remote areas.

Secure

"I have travelled widely in the last few weeks to assess the situation for myself," Richard Leakey, Kenya's director of wildlife, said after Adamson's Aug 20 death. "Most of our wildlife areas where the majority of tourists go are, in my judgement, reasonably safe, and there should be no need for tourists to fear going there."

Nonetheless, publicity surrounding Adamson's death and the murders of one American woman and a French couple threaten to harm the tourism industry, Kenya's top foreign-exchange earner.

The 83-year-old Adamson was shot near his camp at the remote Kora National Reserve in eastern Kenya going to the rescue of an assistant and a house guest who were being robbed by three men.

The retired game warden had lived in Kenya since 1924 and, with his wife, Joy, helped to popularise conservation through their practice of releasing captive lions into the wild. Joy, who was killed by a servant in 1980, detailed the unique practice in the books "Born Free," "Living Free," and "Forever Free," which subsequently were made into movies.

In July, a French couple was shot dead in the Meru Game Park, east of Mount Kenya, when they stumbled upon a group of poachers while driving down a seldom-used track.

Little more than two weeks later, nine men attacked a group of American tourists on a rough dirt road between the southern national parks of Tsavo and Amboseli, shooting one woman dead.

Seven other tourists have been wounded in separate attacks since last September. Tour operators say several hundred would-be visitors, mostly Americans, have been scared off by the violence.

Although the cancellations were quickly replaced by new bookings, the tour operators expressed fears that Adamson's death would prompt other tourists to cancel or defer plans to visit Kenya.

Reassured

"They call and want to know if it's safe to come to Kenya," said the manager of one large safari company, speaking on condition of not being identified. "We try to reassure them."

Another safari group said it received 50 cancellations in the

four days after Adamson died.

Maintaining the tourist industry is a prime government concern.

Last year, a record 660,000 tourists visited Kenya's vaunted game parks and Indian Ocean beach resorts and brought in an estimated \$350 million, outstripping income from the main export, coffee.

The tour operators expressed their anxieties recently at an industry meeting with Leakey, who sought to allay their fears.

He said roads, allowed to fall into wretched disrepair in recent years, were being upgraded and resurfaced to provide quicker — and therefore safer — journeys. Plainclothes security officers have been posted in most of the major tourist lodges in game parks, he said.

In a subsequent interview, Leakey claimed that due to the intensified anti-poaching operation, Kenya's tourist attractions actually are safer now than six months ago. He said most of the attacks had occurred outside the national parks.

Using more than 300 new weapons and 45 new vehicles, along with increased air surveillance and renewed foot patrols, Kenya has brought poaching virtually to a halt since Leakey's appointment in April.

The number of elephants killed has dropped from an average three per day to three since June, he said. In the last decade, the slaughter has reduced Kenya's elephant population from 65,000 to 17,000.

Approximately three dozen poachers have been killed in the combined effort by the Department of Wildlife, police and paramilitary units, Leakey said.

Revitalised

The revitalised effort has brought poachers under new pressure, he said.

"Previously people weren't being hurt because they didn't feature high on poachers' lists because elephants were so easy to get," Leakey said.

Now, "they don't know where to go, they have nothing, they're short of cash and they've turned to robbery," he said.

Leakey said the government believed it was dealing with less than 100 of the armed gangsters. He identified them as indigenous Somalis called Shiffs who have fled their war-torn, impoverished country to exploit Kenya's elephants for their ivory tasks.

Ivory fetches a record \$240 to 340 a kilogramme (\$109 to 154 a pound) on the world market.

"Until very recently, there was very easy money to be made in the national parks by killing elephants. Nobody was after them. There was no danger," Leakey said. "It's very risky now to go into Tsavo if you're a poacher."

Shiffs have robbed and harassed citizens in eastern Kenya since the early 1960s. But David Stiles, an anthropologist who has studied Shiffs for nearly two decades, said many of those perpetrating the violence were deserters from Somalia's Army which is fighting a rebellion in northern Somalia.



Going in style

The Princess of Wales wears a striking black, grey and white tartan-style dress with a wide-brimmed beret trimmed with feathers at the annual Braemar Games near Balmoral, Scotland. (Reuters/Wirephoto)

Deep doo-doo time

By Gene Gibbons

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, (Reuters): When George Bush talks of "Wieners," "The Silver Fox" and "Mr. Smooth," he is speaking a personal slang in which these terms refer respectively to his grandfather, his wife and himself.

These are nuggets of "bushpeak," the label pinned by reporters on the blend of "preppy" coinages and family codewords the US President delights in uttering.

Bushpeak is heard more than usual through the land these days because its inventor is suffering more than the usual eavesdropping from microphones and tattling reporters as he golfs, fishes and enjoys the outdoors at his holiday home.

To the uninitiated, Bushpeak can be baffling. Truth be told, it can even stump those who listen to it for a living.

Take his unique use of the words "Vic Damone" — as "it was Vic Damone on the links today."

People of a certain age may recall Damone as a popular singer of ballads and love songs. They might think the crooner had just golfed with the President. But to the very athletic bush, "Vic Damone" simply means winning at any sporting contest from tennis to his beloved horseshoes.

Vic-tory, as he recently explained to reporters.

See?

Then there is his tennis rallying cry: "Unleash

Chiang."

Back in cold war days, that was the battle cry of the conservative US China lobby, which thought nationalist leader Chiang Kai-Shek could topple China's Communist rulers if only Washington would let him.

"Silver Fox," his nickname for wife Barbara (also "Bar" in Bushpeak), is clearly inspired by her white hair and her unerring political instincts. "Wieners" — little sausages — affectionately describes his 11 young grandchildren.

And the seemingly boastful "Mr. Smooth" is actually a self-deprecating put-down of his own vaunted athletic prowess.

Since he became President, Bush has seemed immune from the kind of ridicule his socialite slang provoked when he was running for office, or as Ronald Reagan's vice-president.

In those days, the press and political critics would roar with contemptuous laughter at such Bushisms as "Deep doo-doo" — his euphemism for a common four-letter barnyard term, as in one celebrated comment that China's leaders would be in deep doo-doo if they followed such-and-such a course.

Now, Bushpeak is found to be entertaining. One needs only a translator to share in the fun when Mr. Smooth unleashes Chiang and captures Vic Damone.

Otherwise, it's deep doo-doo time.

US sends Japan a little comic relief

Overworked executives may start clowning around

TOKYO, Sept 4, (UPI): Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus opened a clown college in Tokyo today to give the overworked armies of Japanese businessmen a little comic relief.

"It is said that Japanese businessmen have too much stress and pressure," said Ron Severini, director of Clown College Japan. "It is our plan to help students relieve stress, shed inhibitions and let go."

"We have gotten a lot of calls from companies that want to send their employees," said Severini, a former student of the original Ringling Bros. Clown College in Venice, Florida.

Thirty newly enrolled students paid

course in clowning, including sections on juggling, pantomime, magic, improvisation, unicycle riding, stilt-walking and makeup.

Seven graduates from the American Clown College have moved to Japan to form "greatest faculty in the world," said Severini.

The college campus is in a small warehouse surrounded by factories.

The students will study from 9:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, which in itself is an improvement over the usual six-days-a-week, 14 hours-a-day work schedule of many Japanese businesses.

The college is funded by the Naturally Yours Co., a Japanese health products company which bought the licence to the Ringling Bros. Clown College name and

Koide, a 21-year-old air conditioner engineer who quit his job to enroll.

"My co-workers said I'm crazy and my parents said, 'You fool, what are you thinking about,'" said Koide.

"I don't know what kind of job I will get after this, but that's not important," he said. "What I want is to be happy."

Severini said businessmen are a target of the college, but many of the charter students were actors and actresses, looking for more training.

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Cypriot paints the past

Jail unlocks artist's talent

AYIA NAPA, Cyprus (AP): The most popular painter on this Eastern Mediterranean island took his first formal art class in the high security wing of a British prison 30 years ago.

At 19, George Skotinos was sentenced to life imprisonment along with five other Greek Cypriots for attacking an Army camp during the five-year independence struggle against the British in the 1950s.

"We were involved in a riot in Nicosia jail so they sent us to England to Wormwood Scrubs Prison, where they happened to have a nice civilian art teacher," the bushy Skotinos said in an interview.

"I used to paint as a kid. I designed sets for all the school plays, but we didn't have an art teacher. In prison, I found myself painting a mural with classical figures, a bit like an ancient Greek frieze."

That was the start, Skotinos said, of a lifelong interest in painting the past.

His pictures feature 2,500-year-old terracotta figurines, classical statues, weathered rocks, gnarled olive trees, often set dramatically against a pale background.

Later, while he was behind bars in Wakefield Prison in Northern England, rubbing shoulders with jailed Irish Republican Army gunmen, Skotinos learned to make pottery in the prison studio. The dull reds and ochres of raw clay are still among his favourite colours.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Funds created to collect savings for investment

Draft law ready on trading in stocks

By Mahmoud Abedin

THE Fatwa and Legislative Department has completed a draft law on trading in stocks and the establishment and working of the investment funds. Manager of Al Shall Company for Real Estate Consultancy Services and member of the committee assigned to prepare the draft law, Abdul Rahman Al Homoud said that the Fatwa department submitted the final text of the draft law to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

He said that the draft law awaits the approval from the Council of Ministers and later it will be issued through an Amiri decree. He called for quick action to issue the law by reducing the bureaucratic routine, particularly when time is ripe for the law.

He stressed that the local market badly needs the law which provides more investment opportunities and channels for

individuals and unspecified companies. But he warned of overreacting and introducing many more such funds in the market, particularly when a large share of the money in these funds will be for simple investors.

He emphasised that enough restrictions and thorough scrutiny should be imposed on the managers of the proposed funds and ensure they are honest.

Funds are created to collect savings for investing them and not only to establish companies and use their ownership for speculations, he said.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that the Council of Ministers will discuss and approve the draft law on the investment funds shortly. The law allows Kuwaiti companies which can invest money for others, to establish joint investment funds in which Kuwaiti and non-

Kuwaitis can take part. The law stipulates an independent financial affairs for the investment funds from the companies which established them.

The law states that no shares or bonds for Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti companies or any other securities can be traded in Kuwait without obtaining a prior permission from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The law bans selling and buying of shares of foreign investment funds or offering it for general subscription in Kuwait or practice the selling and buying of foreign securities not traded in the local market, before obtaining a prior licence. The law also bans providing such a licence for foreign companies to operate in Kuwait, except through a Kuwaiti agent, who can be a company or an individual.

The Kuwaiti agent will be considered as the sponsor for the foreign company

towards all its commitments resulting from the activity in Kuwait. It also said that if the foreign company or its Kuwaiti agent, are under the supervision of the Central Bank of Kuwait, a permission from the CBK must be obtained before receiving the licence from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the CBK if those agents were already under the CBK supervision. The law totally bans forward trading in Kuwaiti securities unless these are registered in the Kuwaiti Stock Market. The law said that Kuwaiti investment companies, which can invest money for others, can establish investment funds in which Kuwaitis and others can participate and this should be done only after obtaining the necessary permission from the Ministry of Commerce and the CBK.

The companies must clearly declare whether they will use the funds for securities or real estate or other investments.

Speaking about the procedures of the investments, the law said that the investment units of the funds should have the same nominal value which should not be less than KD1 each. Certificates will be issued to persons subscribing to the investment funds and these certificates entitle the holders to benefit from the profits or pay for the losses achieved by the funds. Certificates holders have no right to participate in the funds management. Each investment fund will have its independent legal person even in case one company has several investment funds.

The law said that violators of these rules will be jailed for a period not less than six months and a fine of KD100 or one of them and that the penalty will be doubled in case of repeating the violation, provided the fine does not exceed KD250.

Iraq may seek higher quota

Long-term Opec strategy to be reviewed

BAHRAIN, Sept 4. (Reuters): Debt-burdened Iraq is expected to fight for the right to pump more oil into world markets at a key Opec meeting this month, Gulf-based analysts and traders say.

They said the Gulf Arab state — which will soon be able to produce twice as much oil as its present Opec ceiling allows it to export — was counting on getting a higher sales quota at the September 23 meeting of Opec's price monitoring committee.

"Iraq has been floating news it has larger oil reserves and higher oil export capacity...this means it will push for a higher quota in

Opec," one oil analyst said.

Traders say Iraq, which depends on oil for 95 per cent of its export earnings, has begun looking for buyers for an extra 500,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude it will be able to sell when its second trans-Saudi pipeline opens on September 19.

They said the timing for the opening of the 1.65 million BPD pipeline — which stretches 1,500 km (900 miles) to the Saudi port of Yanbu on the Red Sea — was no accident.

"The Iraqis have been pushing to have the new pipeline open before the Opec price committee meeting...it's a good bargaining

chip to boost production," said one.

Iraq's announcement in July of a new oil reserve figure of 280 billion barrels — nearly treble the previous year's level and higher even than Saudi Arabia's — was also a calculated move, the oil sources said.

"It's a game that's being played, which is more politics than geology," said one. "It may be true that the oil is there but it may not be economically feasible to produce it."

Oil reserves are among the parameters used by Opec to determine the size of a member state's sales quota.

Bankers in the region say Iraq has little choice but to step up oil production to bring in the revenues needed to fuel its war-shattered economy.

The group's eight-member monitoring committee — which includes Iraq — will discuss quotas and long-term Opec strategy ahead of a full ministerial meeting in November.

Iraqi Oil Minister Ishaq Abdulla Rahim Al Chalabi said last August his country could export six million BPD of oil from next year but would abide by its Opec quota. Industry sources say Iraq is sticking to its present ceiling of 2.783 million BPD.

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Gold steadies Dollar drifts down

LONDON, Sept 4. (Reuters): The dollar edged down in Europe today in US currency markets closed for the Labour Day public holiday, but London stock prices rose because of renewed confidence in the American economy.

Dealers said there was growing belief that the US currency would start climbing towards the psychological important level of two West German marks from around 1.98 at present when trading begins in earnest after the US break.

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The US Commerce Department, in another report, said that the index of leading economic indicators rose a mere 0.2 per cent in July after being unchanged in June.

Gold was virtually sidelined, closing at 50 cents up on Friday's finish at \$359 an ounce.

Inflation spiral feared in rich countries

Euro-rates to move up: study

THE growth of the US economy slowed considerably in 89 Q2 easing fears of inflation but stopping short of indicating a downturn with GNP rising at a 1.7 percent annual rate and growth in the first quarter revised downwards to 3.7 per cent, according to Interest and Exchange Rate Monitor prepared by IBK Economics Department.

The general consensus of economists seems to be that the Federal Reserve so far has successfully engineered a "soft landing" as a result of the gradual rise in interest rates. The signs of slowdown in the economy are many. Producer prices fell 0.2 percent in June after a series of high rises earlier in the year as did retail sales and industrial production. The last two figures have been particularly affected by the weakness in the auto sector which represents 12 per cent of industrial production.

Although housing starts increased the sector as a whole still seems to be in a slump as a result of high mortgage rates. Durable goods orders and the index of leading indicators, of which it is a part, both declined. All in all, it is clear that the consumer-led spending boom of the 1980s is coming to a close with personal savings running at an annual rate of \$10 billion higher than 1988. However, so far a recession seems unlikely since inventories, which generally build up before a recession, are firmly under control.

With this evidence of weakness, consumer prices may be starting to be curbed with the June index rising 0.2 per cent, the smallest rise this year. However, annual inflation still remains above 5 per cent, a rate that is too high to be acceptable. Moreover, the economy still shows signs of strength in some sectors, particularly investment and exports, so that it is not yet clear that consumer prices are going to commence a downward path. Employment growth is still healthy in spite of a slight increase in the unemployment rate from 5.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent and capacity utilization is still high at 83.6 per cent.

In spite of the rise in the value of the dollar, the trade deficit for the first half of the year dropped about 10 per cent to \$4.3 billion, compared with \$60.2 billion for the similar period last year.

On an annual basis, this year's trade deficit is running at a rate of \$108.6 billion, an 8.4 per cent decrease from last year's \$118.5 billion.

The IBK report said in Japan the economic activity has remained very strong in the first six months of 1989 even if the cyclical peak i.e.: the fastest rates of growth — actually occurred in the first half of last year. Importantly, however, the expansion shows no signs yet of slowing to below 4-4-1.2 per cent. First quarter real GNP growth annualized at 9.1 per cent with especially strong contributions from consumer spending (7.7 per cent) and business fixed investment (29.3 percent). While real GNP is likely to have declined slightly in the second quarter, reflecting post sales tax weakness in consumer demand, flat manufacturing production and a correction in overall investment spending, the first half of 1989 will still have recorded average year-on-year real growth of 4.7 per cent.

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When the country went through a shipping crisis, Essar Shipping was one of the few companies that held itself together and continued to invest and remain profitable.

When India launched the Thumba rocket, Essar Gujarat exploded into India's space sector. Offshore, Energy, Construction, Steel.

Today, if you look at India's longest gas pipeline, Essar Gujarat has built it. If you look at India's first offshore supply base at Nava Sheva, Essar Gujarat has built it.

Essar Gujarat's mega projects in Iron & Steel

Essar Gujarat is now setting up the world's largest gas based hot briquetted sponge iron project in technical collaboration with Voest Alpine, Austria. This Rs. 3050 million project at Hazira, Gujarat will be completed by early 1990.

Essar Gujarat Limited

Financials	(Rs. in million)	Audited	Projected
Financial Year Ended 31.5.89	1995		
TURNOVER	509	12500	
NET PROFIT	103	1700	
GROSS ASSETS	3044	21000	
NET WORTH	1005	9420	

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Biggest in the world

Japanese banks growing even bigger

TOKYO, Sept 4, (AP): Japanese banks, the goliaths of international finance, are growing even bigger, while American banks, shackled by anti-trust regulations, are becoming relatively smaller.

The birth of the second-largest bank in the world was announced today when Mitsui Bank and Taiyo Kobe Bank said they would merge next April to form a bank with assets nearly double those of Citicorp, America's largest bank.

The world's 10 largest banks in terms of assets, are all Japanese, led by Daiichi Kangyo Bank, which has assets of \$4.281 trillion yen (\$377 billion), or more than Citicorp and Chase Manhattan Bank combined.

In California, four of the top 10 banks are Japanese-owned. Deregulation start-

ing in 1991 will allow them to expand across the United States, backed by the strength of their huge parent companies.

A look at the unwieldy names of Japanese banks show how they got so big: the Mitsui Taiyo Kobe Bank will combine the oldest bank in Japan with the results of a 1973 merger of Taiyo Bank and Kobe Bank. Daiichi Kangyo Bank is the result of a 1971 merger of its namesakes.

And according to the Nihon Keizai Shimbun newspaper, had Daiichi Kangyo achieved its original three-way merger ambitions, there would have been an even bigger mouthful: the Mitsui Taiyo Kobe Daiwa Bank.

Mergers of this scale are virtually unthinkable in the United States, where

anti-trust regulations prevent the creation of companies judged large enough to restrict competition.

But in Japan, senior officials of the Ministry of Finance who are believed to have a key role in overseeing the merger — the president of Taiyo Kobe is a former top ministry bureaucrat — praised the deal as good business strategy. The National Bankers' Association also welcomed the merger.

American trade officials may take a more sceptical view. US officials are expected to cite Japan's lax enforcement of anti-trust law in talks this month on "structural impediments" to correcting the bilateral trade imbalance.

Japan's Fair Trade Commission said it will look into the merger to see if it

violates anti-trust laws, but the usually meek agency is not expected to block the deal.

American banks lag behind European as well as Japanese banks in size because of US regulations that often limit banks to operations in one state. There are seven European banks in the top 25 world-wide measured by assets, but only one American bank, according to American Banker, a trade publication.

"There could be implications for the United States if Americans found themselves constrained by their own laws from reaching world size," said an American banker in Tokyo who asked not to be identified.

Japanese banks look so big in part because the appreciation of the yen has

pumped up their assets roughly 40 per cent in dollar terms over the past four years.

But whether measuring in yen or dollars, analysts have no doubts that Japanese banks are hefty contenders.

Some bankers say enormous size is becoming a virtual competitive necessity. Although Mitsui and Taiyo Kobe were ranked as the seventh and eighth largest banks in Japan, each significantly larger than any US bank, neither was really big enough to fulfil its ambitions on its own," says Simon Smithson, analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities.

Some analysts say Japanese banking is where its manufacturing was 20 years ago — selling simple products cheap.

Economic growth to exceed forecasts

BONN, Sept 4, (Reuter): West German economic growth next year is likely to exceed forecasts so far and grow by at least three per cent, Finance Minister Theo Waigel said today.

Waigel's prediction for Europe's largest economy was more optimistic than that made in August by Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann, who saw 1990 gross national product (GNP) growth of between 2.5 and three per cent.

"In 1990 we are likely to have a three before the decimal point," Waigel said in a speech to parliament during the first reading of next year's federal budget.

The government expects 1989 growth of 3.5 per cent but the Bundesbank, West Germany's Central Bank, says growth of over four per cent is possible.

Waigel said budgetary constraint was a key objective of government policy despite plans for a higher federal budget deficit next year.

He said the 1990 deficit was expected to rise to 33 billion marks (\$16.6 billion) partly because of the introduction of income tax cuts as part of a major tax reform.

"Our decisions are still based on cutting expenditure and deficits," Waigel said.

The budget deficit this year was likely to fall to below 25 billion marks (\$12.6 billion) from a previous forecast of about 28 billion marks (\$14 billion), he said.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Sept 4, (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.20055	0.20170
Sterling	0.46630	0.46889
Dm	0.15146	0.15227
S. Fr.	0.17529	0.17627
F. Fr.	0.04489	0.04519
It. lira	0.0002112	0.0002126
Jap. yen	0.020549	0.020664
Bh. dinar	0.79679	0.80069
UAE dh.	0.06178	0.06216
S. riyal	0.08010	0.08047
Q. riyal	0.08252	0.08293
O. riyal	0.76965	0.78303

EXCHANGE RATE

Indian rupee.....	18.130
Sri Lankan rupee.....	8.000
Pakistani rupee.....	14.430
Bangladesh taka.....	9.260
US dollar.....	30.160
Pound sterling.....	46.900
Deutsche mark.....	15.230
UAE dirham.....	0.8208
Japanese yen.....	0.02070

Jordan to open talks on rescheduling debt

Dinar falls on black market

AMMAN, Sept 4, (Reuter): Jordan and its main commercial bank creditors will open debt rescheduling talks in Amman this week, Finance Minister Basel Jaradeh told reporters today.

He said the talks with a six-member steering committee would focus on delaying payments of \$450 million in principal and interest due in 1989/90.

The committee was set up in London in July to represent more than 90 banks. The debts in question total \$1.2 billion.

Amman will seek the banks' consent to reschedule payments over 10 years with five-year grace — terms similar to those reached with the Paris Club of Western government creditors.

"We hoped to sign the minutes of the agreement yesterday, at the end of our two-day talks," Jaradeh said.

"But the final accord might take some time due to technical hitches," he added.

Jordan, a country of three million people, has been hit by a

drop in Arab aid and remittances from citizens abroad. It plunged into economic trouble last year when a rundown on foreign reserves forced a dinar devaluation.

A recent flow of Arab aid raised the Central Bank's foreign exchange reserves to \$500 million from \$20 million in May, enabling it to intervene in the market occasionally to stabilise the dinar.

The government has agreed an economic reform plan with the International Monetary Fund to reduce its budget and balance of payment deficits.

Total foreign debt reached \$8.2 billion by the end of 1988, including \$1.1 billion in undrawn loans.

Officials say government debt accounts for 43 per cent, commercial debt for 19 per cent, and 32 per cent is concessionary development loans from multilateral institutions and Arab funds.

The banks' committee is

chaired jointly by Gulf International Bank BSC and Standard Chartered Bank. The other members are Banque National de Paris, Commercial Bank of Kuwait, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. and Union de Banques Arabes et Francaises (UBAF).

The Amman-based Arab Bank Ltd is an advisor to the committee.

Meanwhile the Jordanian dinar fell against the dollar on the black market today but a Central Bank official said there was no threat to the local currency because the official and bank rates remained unchanged.

Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Al Nabulsi said:

"We don't care about rates quoted in the unofficial market. We care about the official and free market rates which have not changed."

Black market dealers quoted the dinar at 750/760 fils to the dollar against Sunday's rate of

710/730.

Nabulsi said the Central Bank would soon intervene to set a higher rate for the dinar in the free market.

"This is in our mind but I don't know what the new rates will be," he told reporters.

A recent flow of Arab aid enabled the Central Bank to intervene in the free market many times last month and the dinar eventually stabilised at 690/705 fils to the dollar after it was trading for 940/960 in early August.

The Central Bank rate for imports of basic food items, fees of Jordanians studying abroad and medicine stood at 606.6/612.6 fils today, slightly down on Sunday's 606.6/612.3 rate.

Banks traded the dollar at 695/705 fils in a quiet market with the rate unchanged since Saturday.

Nabulsi said the Central Bank was going ahead with its plans to unify the two-tier exchange rate system for the dinar, launched on July 31.

Massive import drive

Moscow to honour pledges

MOSCOW, Sept 4, (Reuter): The Soviet Union is importing more than \$66 billion worth of food and consumer goods to honour the pledges which helped bring an end to July's national miners' strike, radio Moscow said yesterday.

In a report quoting Suren Sarukhanov, a Deputy Trade Minister, the radio said major contracts had been signed with foreign firms for a variety of goods including clothes, footwear, baby food and coffee.

The announcement came as the government newspaper Izvestia reported that petrol had joined a long list of items, including meat, salt and sugar, already in short supply in many parts of the country.

"Sarukhanov says more than 43 billion rubles (\$66 billion) have been allocated to buy food and other commodities abroad," radio Moscow said.

"Most of the money has already been spent. This had made it possible to increase imports of food for the miners of Kuzbas, Donbass and Vorkuta where there were mass strikes recently."

A French businessman involved in one of the deals, who declined to be identified, said he believed Soviet authorities were in a hurry to conclude the

imports, particularly of clothing and footwear, before the onset of winter.

Jubil's coal strikes, which swept from the Siberian Kuzbas to pits in the Ukrainian Donbass and Vorkuta in the far north, highlighted a rapid deterioration in the supply of food and other goods across the country.

The miners eventually agreed to return to work after winning pledges of higher pay and more goods in their local shops.

However, with supplies hardly better elsewhere in the country, the extra goods had to come from abroad, apparently forcing the Kremlin to drop its earlier objections to imports as a way out of the growing crisis.

City authorities in Moscow announced last month that they would follow the Baltic Republics in allowing only local residents to buy goods in particular short supply.

In its report, Izvestia said there was a virtual emergency over petrol supplies in the southern Republic of Armenia and long queues at petrol stations in the Ukraine and Georgia.

Saab-Scania's statement coincided with its release of figures for the first six months of 1989,

showing a 30 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to 902 million crowns (\$135 million).

It said its troubled car division made an 800 million crown (\$120 million) loss and the situation would worsen.

"Overall, as we have said before, we expect a significant decline in results for the Saab-Scania group for the whole year," the company said.

Saab-Scania, which usually releases four-monthly figures, presented an interim report to put a stop to market speculation about losses at its car division. The rumours had sent its shares tumbling on Friday on the Stockholm bourse.

Karnsund said the car division suffered from "too small volumes with too high costs."

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EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islands Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs, 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Qur'anic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajah Museum

SAT - Thurs, 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Qur'anic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Saddu House

SAT - Thurs, 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Indian food festival

RAMADA Al Salam is organising an Indian food festival from Sunday Sept 3 till Thursday Sept 7, 1989. Big variety of delicious Indian dishes and sweets; this is beside the authentic Indian atmosphere tailored to match the occasion. Time: from 7 pm up to midnight. Place: El Bender Coffee Shop.

Oman celebration

SEPT 14: It has been proposed to celebrate the Oman Festival at Indian Arts Circle. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Omani Sadna. Passes will be available with KC Eapen, Tel: 2405100 (Off) 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuruvilla, 4745628 (Off) 5638602 (Res); Madhu, Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

Syndicate Live

SEPT 15: Two leading Goan organisation in Kuwait, The Weekened Club and Kuwait Goans, will join hands to host "Syndicate Live," a musical extravaganza at the Indian Arts Auditorium featuring Goa's music kings, The Syndicate, Stepping Stones, Tom Rock and a selection of talented local singers. Gate passes available at Raja Stores and the Organisers. Call: Joe 2413368, Julio 5734513 for more information.

Kapilku Tailoring Class

The tailoring class is one of the free classes offered by the Kapilku Pilipinas in Kuwait (Kapilku) to all bona fide Filipino members and will begin on Friday, Sept 22 at Far East Restaurant at 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku this year.

The tailoring course will run every Friday from Sept 22 till Oct 3. All successful participants receive a certificate from the organisers.

SEPT 22: All materials for the course will be given free to all participants like cloth, scissors, L and curved ruler, tape measure, thread, needles and others.

The instructors for the tailoring course are Eliezer E. Antolin and Bayani Trinidad. Both are experts in their own rights as master cutter and worked in one of the leading tailoring shops in Metro Manila. The course will cover master cutting, short and long pants, short sleeves and long shirt and Barong Tagalog. Executive suits will also be covered in the course.

Kapilku President Manny Inserto sees that this course will be more interesting to all the members as previous classes like hair beauty class, baking

and cooking classes and hotel and restaurant operations class were a great success.

Vice-president for welfare and special projects Ogie Olor is the chairman of the said project and vice-chairmen are Bayani Trinidad and Eliezer Antolin.

REGISTRATION: The registration for the tailoring class will start today and may contact vice-president Sarah Macarimbang on telephone number 4834447. This will be on first come basis.

The class is being sponsored by Adnan Khalil, general manager of Far East Restaurant Co.

Filcheck chess

SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait ("Filcheck") invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament."

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entry is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

British Council

THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel: 251512/253 3204/253 3227.

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top ranks in attendance. For details contact Tele: 2413884/2434776/56291-41/31091 after 5 pm.

DARBAR: Offers an Indian

buffet daily for lunch, except Fridays, and a la carte for dinner.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam "Al Dira" with Perseus Restaurant. Children entry KD3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele: (res) 5331940 or 241306 pm only.

D'Assisi Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am, followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact:

2444379 or 2469811.

Konkani drama

NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintham Zalim Sopanam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa Jacinto Vaz along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

HOTELS

At the Pullman Hotel AL Shallal coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's

lunch "autour d'un plat" at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7:30 pm.

Les Elyses Restaurant: Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our "menu degustation," a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200 ext 416.

At the SAS hotel AL GHAZEER-SAS hotel's very own handcrafted show.

Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackles provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialities served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservations, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

EEDAM: Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.

CLOCK: Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialities.

At the Kuwait Continental

GARDENIA: Open from 7 am to midnight, offers a dinner buffet on Thursday nights and Friday lunch, consisting of Jumbo prawns, biryani and other charcoal grilled Continental, Arabic and Indian specialities. Our new Gardenia menu - chicken and mixed grilled sizzlers which are everyone's favourite.

DARBAR: Offers an Indian

buffet daily for lunch, except Fridays, and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridien Hotel

OPENING on Sept 9 the Versailles Restaurant celebrates the new season with an exciting new a la carte menu featuring delicious seafood dishes and always the great value business. Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music is provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band, guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

LA BRASSERIE: Brand new menu at the La Brasserie definitely worth the wait. The new a la carte menu at the La Brasserie features a choice of appetizer, entree and dessert. In

Friday Ext 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue event every Friday afternoon.

La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams.

Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianos in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza hotel

SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you.

Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only fils 995 only.

Special lunch and dinner:

Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the buffet for lunch and dinner full of varieties of continental,

oriental and Arabic food with Plaza special touch plus delectable sweets and fruits of the season.

All these and more for only KD2.995.

Roman nights: The Italian

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At the Holiday Inn

THAI CORNER: Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at the La Brasserie. The Thai corner features a variety of great authentic dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

EVERY SATURDAY

AL ANDALUS: Thursday

— Arabian night! Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful

music.

FAMILY BRUNCH:

Calling all kids ... we have a great

party every Friday. It's our

Friday brunch party and

everyone is invited. Come and

enjoy entertainment from Walt

Disney cartoon characters plus

magic... magic... by the great

magician. Prizes and surprises

awaits each kid. Price:

KD5.000 for adults and half the

price for children.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

THE INDONESIAN COR-

NER: Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La

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regular Brasser

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EVERY THURSDAY:

Tuck in the tempo ... experience

a variety of Continental and

Oriental cuisine to suit

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EVERY SUNDAY:

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EVERY SUNDAY COW-

BOY NIGHT:

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School starters



M. Farooq Khokar, a four-year-old Indian, will be starting his education at the New Indian School this year.

M. Farooq wants to be a doctor when he grows up.



Mustafa Hussaini Riyaz will be going to the Indian School this year.

Mustafa is a four-year-old Indian who wants to be a doctor or CID.



Tanya Gracias will be going to the Carmel School this year.

Tanya is a four-year-old Indian who has not yet decided what she wishes to be when she grows up.



Jaison John will be starting at the New Indian School this year.

Jaison is a 3 1/2-year-old Indian who wants to be a doctor when he grows up.



Susmitha Rachael David is going to start school this year.

Crystal, a four-year-old Indian will be going to the Sunshine School this year.

Aissata wants to be an airhostess when she grows up.



Aissata Ba, a six-year-old African, will be going to the Sunshine School this year.

Aissata wants to be an airhostess when she grows up.

Tina Eapen celebrates her 7th birthday today, September 5. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Tina goes to the Indian School and likes to dance.

Sampath Wijeratne celebrates his 9th birthday on September 6. Happy birthday from parents, friends & family.

Sampath goes to the Indian School and likes cycling & swimming.

Ritu Dutta celebrates her 11th birthday on September 6. Happy birthday from parents, friends and relatives.

Ritu goes to the Indian School and likes drawings, paintings, music and reading Nancy Drew.

Calvin Hayden Saldanha celebrates his 1st birthday on September 1. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.

Calvin Hayden Saldanha has not started school yet and likes playing with toys.

Andrea celebrated her birthday on September 3. Belated greetings, love and kisses from Michelle, Olivia and Neahr.

Mohammed Elgazzar celebrated his 10th birthday on August 31. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Mohammed goes to the American School of Kuwait and enjoys skateboarding, chess and baseball.

Anson Joel Pereira celebrated his 9th birthday on August 31. Belated greetings from parents, friends & family.

Anson goes to the Indian School and enjoys reading and playing Atari.

Crystal Trilokekar celebrated her 4th birthday on September 2. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

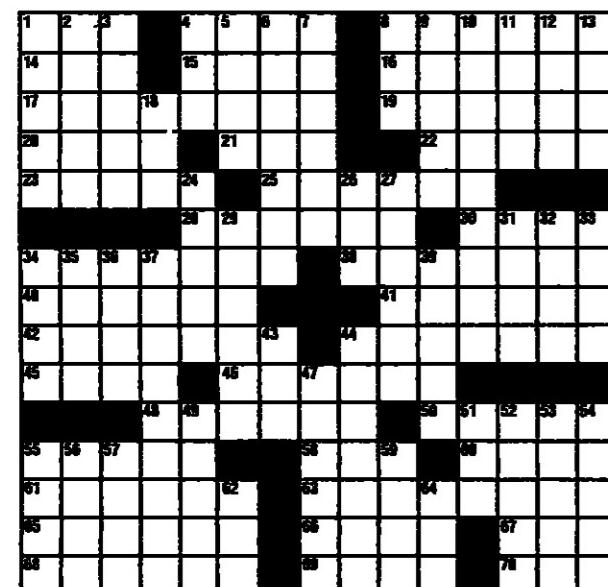
Crystal goes to the New English School.

Rohit M. Makhijani celebrated his half birthday on September 1. Rohit is now 3 1/2 years old. Happy half birthday from parents, friends and family.

K.N. Saji celebrated his second birthday on August 31. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.

And here's a story about a vicar who was so stupid he once married a man to a 20,000-watt generator. The police had to charge him after that.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Scenery chewer
- 2 Dots on
- 3 Sorcery
- 4 Small — (youngsters)
- 5 Timber wolf
- 6 1984 Oscar winner
- 7 Rolls for cream cheese and fox
- 8 Craze
- 9 Colter
- 10 Pasture creature
- 11 Near East gulf
- 12 Cet Italian river
- 13 Backtalk
- 18 Obtain
- 24 New Orleans pro
- 26 Bandleader Brown
- 27 The Wizard of Mono Park
- 29 Dampens
- 31 Tan
- 32 Pitching stars
- 33 Drove
- 34 Sounds from
- 35 Pakistani language
- 36 Destiny
- 37 Juvenile infatuation
- 38 Auberonics and Descartes
- 43 Obscure
- 44 Devour
- 45 Captured
- 49 Actress Terry
- 51 "Swann's ---"
- 52 Plant pest
- 53 Met diva Mitchell
- 54 Banish
- 55 Freckle
- 56 Nimbus
- 57 Actor Estrada
- 59 Indigo
- 62 Dangerous curve
- 64 FDR program

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

THE RIGHT WAY

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♦ K 10 9

♥ 2

♦ Q 8 6 5 3

♦ A J 6

WEST

EAST

♦ A 8 7 4

♦ K J 8 5 3

♦ 2

♦ Q 10 9 ♦ 8 4

SOUTH

♦ Q J 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A 4

♦ K 7 5 3 2

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♦

"Order is Heaven's first law," wrote Alexander Pope. It should be every bridge player's, too.

North rebid his six-card diamond suit just in case South had a hole somewhere. Since the ace of diamonds looked like an excellent card for no trump purposes and all the unbid suits were securely stopped, South insisted on the nine-trick hearts.

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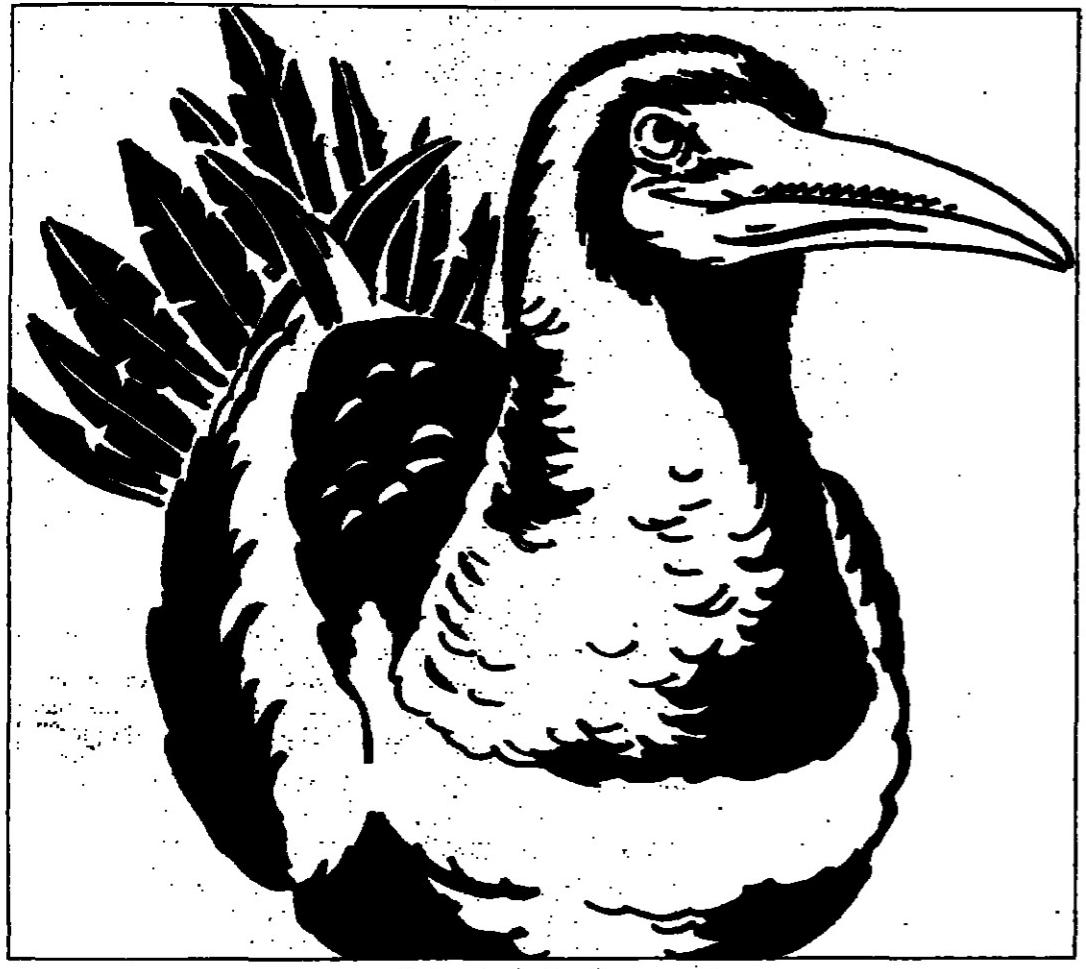
THE name booby comes from the Spanish word "boobo" which means clown or dunce. A booby is a gosse-sized bird found only in tropical regions along coastal areas of the Atlantic or Pacific oceans. The commonest type is the brown booby who is entirely brown except for his white stomach. Other boobies are mostly white, but have brightly coloured blue or red feet. All boobies have thick necks, large heads and powerful wings.

The booby may be clumsy when he waddles on the land, but he is extremely graceful in flight. He has keen eye sight and can spot a fish from more than 50 feet in the air. To catch a fish he closes his wings and makes nosedive into the ocean. He then grabs the fish from underneath as he is returning to the surface. When chasing fish near the surface of the water he swims using both his wings and feet.

Boobies of different types live together in colonies or large groups. They choose a mate for life a long and elaborate process that includes a special courtship dance. Their nesting sites vary from species to species with some building their nests on cliffs, others in trees or bushes and others directly on the ground.

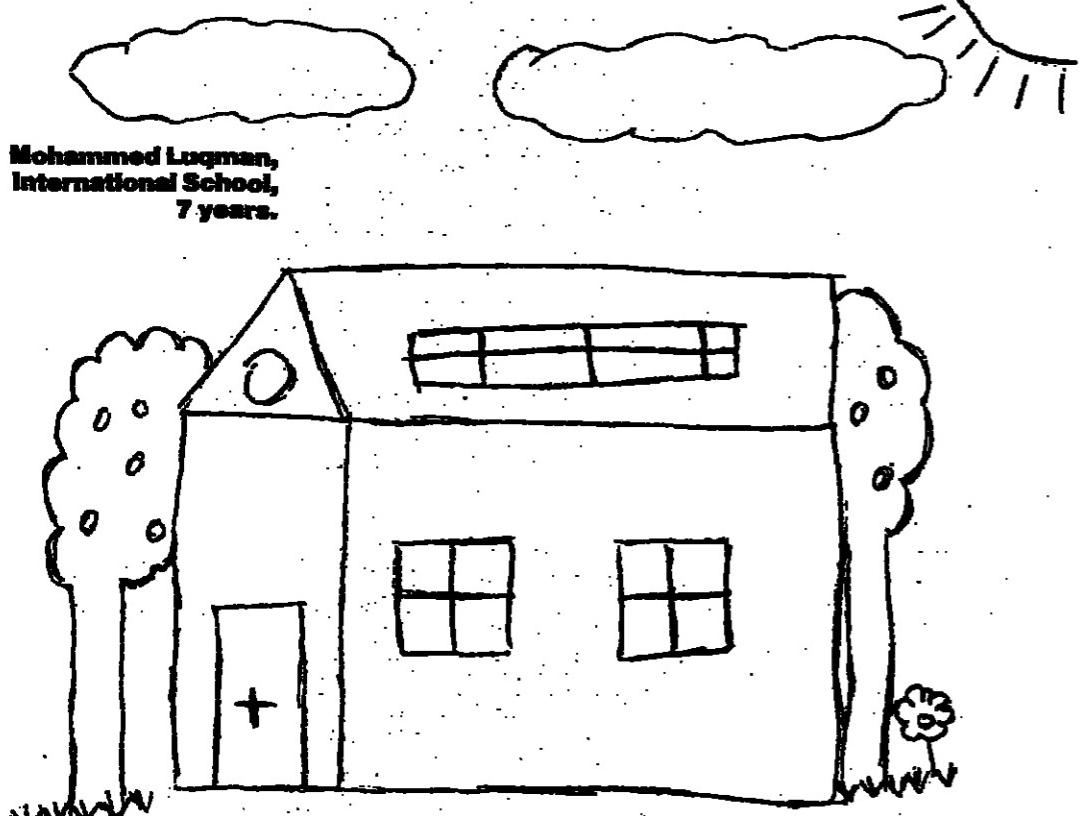
A female booby lays 2 eggs at a time. Both the male and the female booby help incubate the eggs by standing on them and warming them with their feet. The large number of blood vessels in their feet enable them to properly warm the eggs. The eggs then hatch after 6 or 7 weeks and naked chicks are born. After 10 days the chicks are covered with a white down and in 5 months have all of their feathers and are ready to fly.

Cut out this story because you will need the information in the next few weeks, watch.



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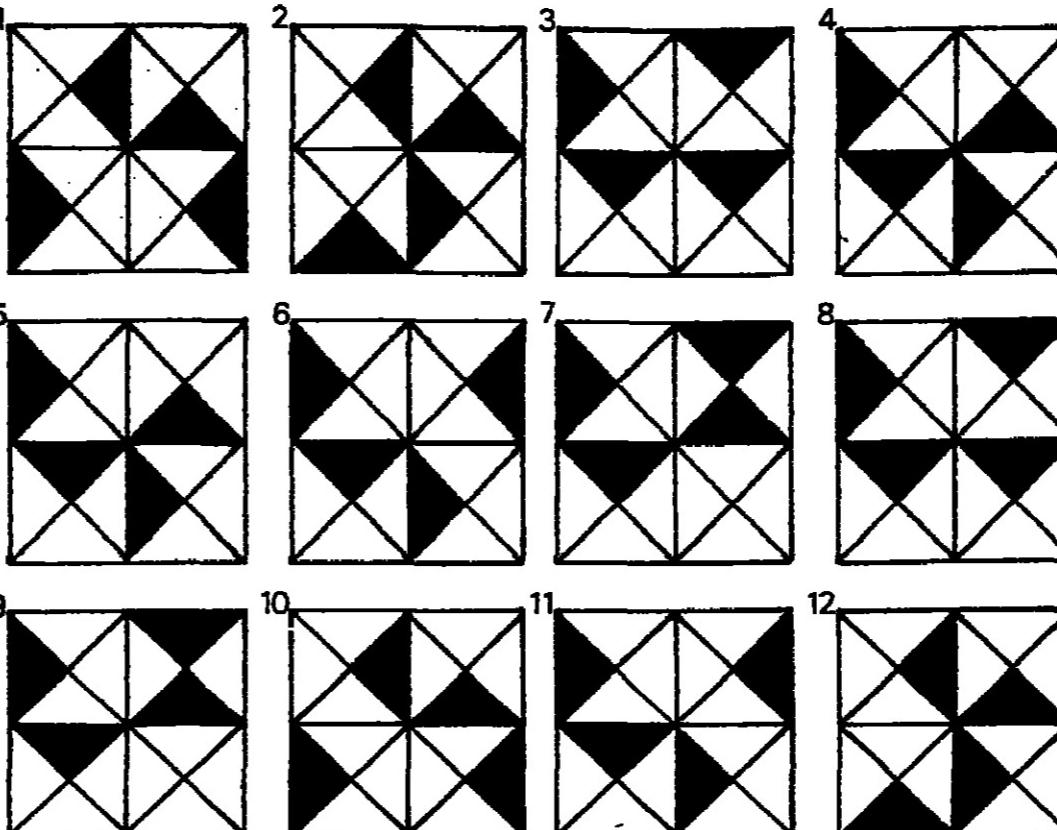
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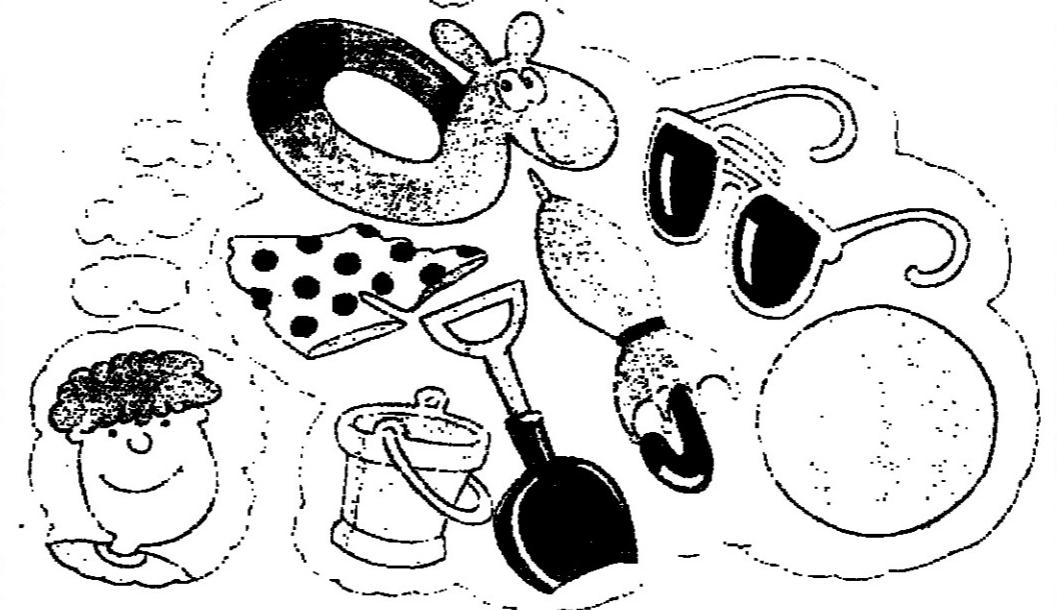
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Favourite 4x6 photograph

Which patterns are the same? Put them in pairs.



Fred has to remember to take all these things on holiday. Look at the objects carefully for a few moments. Close the newspaper and see how many things you can remember.



Dear Junior readers,

September, in most countries, is the end of summer and beginning of autumn. Christina Rossetti wrote:

*The spring is like a young maid
That does not know her mind,
The summer is a tyrant
Of the most ungracious kind;
The autumn is an old friend
That pleases all he can,
And brings the bearded barley
To glad the heart of man.*

In England, along the long list of special days, September greets two saints' days. St Matthew on the 21st and St Michael the Archangel on the 29th, so it is a special month for anyone called Matthew or Michael. In fact it is also special for Mary as the eighth of September is virgin Mary's birthday.

So you see September is a special month world-wide and we ought to enjoy each and every day that passes, as it will never ever return.

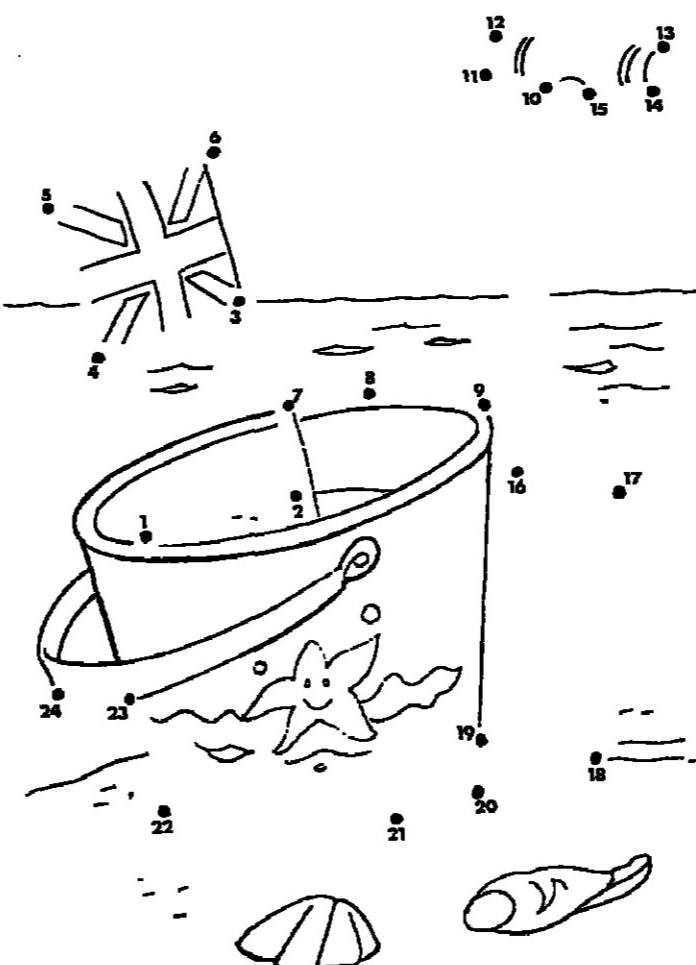
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Can you figure out what is in the picture? Join the dots together following the numbers to find out.



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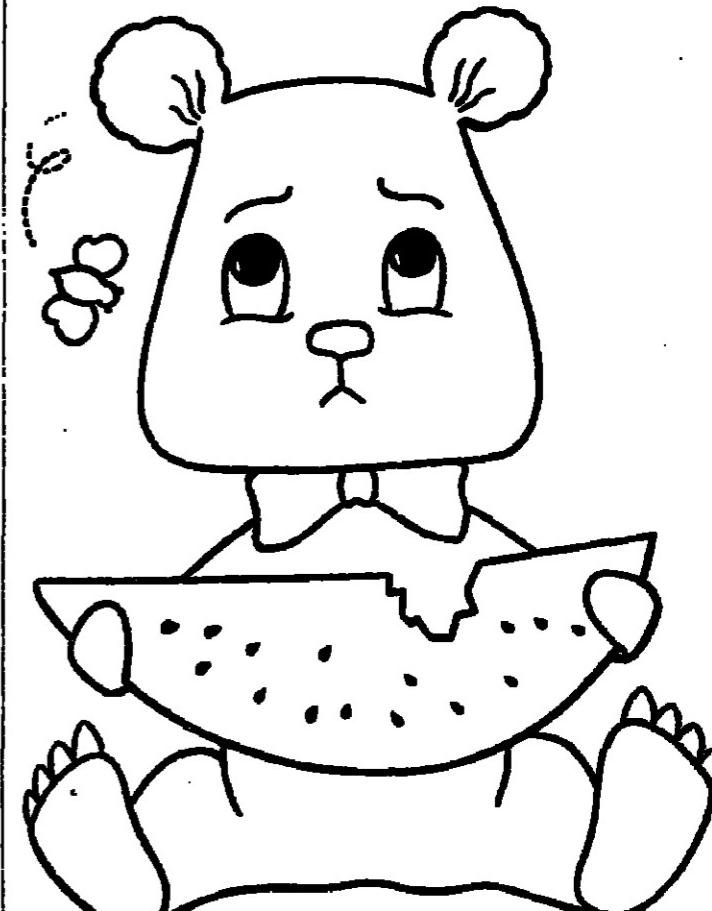


Draw a sad face.



Colouring time

What is the little bear eating? He has a little rascal upsetting him. What is the insect's name? Which colours do you think are suitable for colouring the picture? Go ahead and colour it in and then see how it looks like.



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SPORTS

African diplomats keep fit

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4, (AP): First came the ambassadors of Chad and Niger, puffing and swinging their arms as they jogged around the sports field. Behind them was the Togo envoy, sweat pouring down his face, and bringing up the rear was Burkina Faso's ambassador, pedalling a bicycle.

Just a normal Saturday morning routine for the diplomats from Francophone Africa. They gather at 9 a.m., jog for a while, swing from exercise bars, and then get down to a rough-and-tumble soccer match.

"Attrape le ball atre le ball," (French for "catch the ball") his excellency Elieko-Kodjo Schimpus of Togo screamed as the ball went zooming to the edge of the field.

This time they were playing against some African students who generally turn up at the field on Saturday mornings. Other times they just kick the ball around among themselves.

All week long the diplomats sit behind their desks, hold meetings and attend receptions. They called the weekly workout a chance to sweat the good food and drink out of their systems and keep in shape.

But when they discard their formal attire, they are still mindful of their position. One is wearing a Dior sweat suit, another sports a Gucci.

"We believe in a sound mind in a sound body," said Burkina Faso ambassador Paul-Désiré Kabore, who acts as dean of the informal Ambassadorial Sports Club. It unites 12 French-speaking African countries, some of the poorest in the world, who pool their time and resources to attract US investment and organise projects to benefit their homelands.

The others are Benin, Ivory Coast, Congo, Central African Republic, Mali, Senegal, Rwanda and Géneve. The 12 ambassadors are travelling to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to take part in a trade and investment fair, and they hope to get together a soccer game while they are there.

Those ambassadors who are too out of shape to play soccer or jog sometimes come out on Saturday mornings to watch or walk laps around the field.

Ambassador Moumouni Adamou Djemakoye of Niger is an active participant. In fact, he might be called an over-achiever—in addition to the weekly soccer match and jogging, he rides his bicycle—20 kilometres (13 miles) every Sunday and plays basketball.

He already has held his country's posts of foreign affairs minister and minister of health, youth and sports, and once served as a regional governor. He came to Washington a year ago.

Togo's Schimpus, who has been here six years, also plays tennis on the weekends and walks everywhere he can.

"It helps me get in shape, mentally and physically, for the week," he said.

Many ambassadors in Washington have swimming pools and tennis courts at their residences. But most of the Africans have more limited budgets.

Chad's Mahamat Ali Adoum said he wouldn't know what to do with a pool, anyway.

"I can't swim. My country is very dry," he said.

Noah and Mansdorf fined \$500 each

NEW YORK, Sept. 4, (Reuters): Yannick Noah of France and Israeli Amos Mansdorf were fined \$500 each for ungentlemanly exchanges in their third-round match at the US Open on Saturday.

Noah, who prevailed 3-6 3-6 7-6 7-5 6-2, was fined for an audible obscenity, while Mansdorf was cited for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Mansdorf, upset by the cheering from Noah's family at court side during the match, swore at them to stop.

Noah at first refused to shake hands with Mansdorf after the match and repeated, in hearing range of an on-court microphone, the curse directed at the Frenchman's family by the Israeli.

Noah finally did shake hands and Mansdorf apologised.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Connors, who celebrated his 37th birthday on Saturday by reaching the

fourth round of his 20th US Open before limping off with severe cramps, says he is recovering fast and will be ready to play this evening.

"I'm okay. I'll be ready to play," Connors said at a news conference yesterday, while sipping from a water bottle as part of his treatment for dehydration that brought on the cramps.

"I feel better today than yesterday. I don't know how it happened or why it happened."

said Connors, the oldest player in the draw this year. "It never happened before. But if the match had lasted another game I may not have been able to finish."

Connors, who plays third-seeded Stefan Edberg, runner-up at Wimbledon and the French Open, suffered cramps late in his four-set victory over Andres Gomez of Ecuador, but still managed to hold service from 30-40 in the last game.

Evert reaches quarterfinals**Becker rallies to rout Pernfors**

Evert returns a shot from Seles. (Reuter wirephoto).

from." Evert said. "I haven't seen that form all year."

The only trouble Evert encountered came in the fifth game of the first set when Seles frequently kissed the lines.

"I don't know where it came

had six break points on Evert's service. But Evert hung in, while Seles wasted her opportunities with forehands in the net, and capitalized on her first advantage

to put the game away. "I felt if she had won that game, she would have gotten back in there," Evert said.

Evert said she felt like Margaret Court, the former Open and Wimbledon champion who was at the peak of her career when Evert first played and beat her at age 15.

"When I first saw that I would be playing her, I said, 'isn't it ironic. It would be my last big match, and I'd lose to her.' Maybe that was fate... it entered my mind for one second. All those things made me more determined. I concentrated well. I moved well. I'm so pleased it happened today."

Seles, who had said she was worried about the match and might feel said if she were the one to end Evert's career in major tournaments, didn't play close to her own potential.

Becker, a left-hander with two-fisted shots on forehands and backhands, certainly was not playing the same as when she beat Evert in the finals of a tournament in Houston this year. That match was on clay, this one a faster hard court.

Evert, who received standing ovations from the packed crowd on her entrance and exit, next faces fifth-seeded Zina Garrison, who beat Donna Faber 6-4, 7-6.

If Evert survives that match, reaching the semifinals for the 17th time, she would go against

the winner of the quarterfinal match between No. 2 Martina Navratilova, who beat Regina Rajchrtova 6-2, 6-0, and Manuela Maleeva, who beat Natalia Zvereva 6-2, 6-0.

Navratilova said she knew Evert, her longtime friend and rival, would be "totally psyched" to beat Seles.

"I knew she was not going to lose to Seles today," Navratilova said of her good friend. "It's nothing against Monica, she's a nice girl, but I knew she would not lose to a youngster like that in a round like that."

Becker, the men's second seed, survived a five-set match in the second round, a four-setter in the third round and the four-setter in the fourth against Pernfors, who beat Becker in the quarterfinals of the 1986 French Open.

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Norman wins Open crown

FRANKLIN, Wisconsin, Sept. 4, (AP): Greg Norman blew a four-stroke lead, then recovered with three birdies on the final seven holes yesterday for a three-shot victory in the Greater Milwaukee Open.

Norman was at 1-over for the day before his late surge carried him to a final-round 2-under-par 70 and a 72-hole score of 19-under 269 at the Tuckaway Country Club.

Overnight leader Jose Rivero of Spain took eight at the par five ninth after tangling with some trees to reach the turn in 41 and slip to a 73.

Early starter Andy Bean, with a final-round 66, finished three shots back at 16-under 272.

Wayne Levi, who had three birdies and an eagle on the front nine to pull even with Norman,

faltering with three bogeys.



Millar triumphs

Chris Lillywaite, of Great Britain, leads the pack into a corner past parliament and Big Ben on Sunday during the final stage of the professional Tour of Britain cycle race. West Germany's Rolf Stumpf won the last stage which ended in London and Scotland's Robert Millar won the race (Reuter wirephoto)

Cardinals edge Cubs**Giants blank Mets**

NEW YORK, Sept. 4, (AP): Matt Williams hit a homer and Don Robinson pitched a seven-hitter to lead the San Francisco Giants 4-0 over the New York Mets, taking a three-game sweep.

Williams' two-run homer in the sixth inning off Bob Ojeda, 10-10, was his second in as many days, 15th of the season and 11th in the last 23 games. Williams also hit 26 AAA Phoenix for a season total of 41.

"It's unbelievable to think what Matt might do next year with 600 at-bats," manager Roger Craig said after the Giants concluded a 5-game homestand with four straight victories and a season-high, six-game lead over the Houston Astros in the National League West.

The victory, which gave the Giants a six-game lead in the National League West, snapped a five-game winning streak for Ojeda, who hadn't lost since July 16. It also made the Mets 3-6 on their final West Coast trip of the season.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 3

Leon Durham, batting .083, pinch-hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning for his first RBI of the season to cap a comeback victory by St. Louis against fading Houston.

Braves 8, Cubs 5

Jeff Blauser had three singles and three RBIs as Atlanta overcame two homers by Andre Dawson to end a six-game winning streak by Chicago's Mike Bielecki.

Expos 4, Dodgers 0

Kevin Gross pitched a six-hitter and Montreal capitalized on four Los Angeles errors in the first two innings to defeat the Dodgers and run-starved Orel Hershiser.

The shutout was the third of the season for Gross, 11-9, who raised his career total to 10.

Padres 9, Phillies 5

Rookie pitcher Andy Benes hit a two-run homer en route to his third consecutive victory and Benito Santiago hit his second career Grand Slam as surging San Diego beat Philadelphia.

Results

	American League	National League
Seattle	3 Boston	2 San Francisco
Minnesota	4 Toronto	4 New York
Detroit	12 Cleveland	3 Pittsburgh
Chicago	4 Baltimore	2 Atlanta
New York	5 California	8 Chicago
Oakland	5 Milwaukee	2 St. Louis
Kansas City	13 Texas	4 Houston
		4 Montreal
		5 Los Angeles
		0 Philadelphia
		9 Philadelphia

Ballesteros pips Parry for title

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland, Sept. 4, (Reuters): Two birdies in the last three holes earned Severiano Ballesteros his third victory of the year at the European Masters yesterday. The Spaniard won by two shots from Australian Craig Parry.

Ballesteros holes from 15 feet and nine feet on the 16th and 17th greens for birdie threes to finish with a 67 and a 22-under-par total of 266.

Parry, winner of the German Open a week ago, who blew his chance by four-putting on the 15th when leading

by a shot. Britain's Stephen Bennett (71) finished third on 268.

Parry had earlier threatened to capture his second successive title with some inspired golf. He took the lead with a birdie at the 14th after a spectacular outward 31 in which he holed a bunker shot at the third and a 25 foot putt at the eighth for two.

"He said I was closing the club face on the back swing. Then, in Switzerland, I spotted a picture of myself in a book and noticed that my stance was too open. When I put the two things together everything suddenly clicked."

"This has put me in a good

frame of mind for the Ryder Cup at the Belfry in a couple of weeks time."

Ballesteros wavered briefly when he pitched his tee shot at the last behind the wall of a swimming pool. Undeterred, he bent his recovery shot 40 yards left to right around the wall and two trees to within 15 feet of the flag to save par with "the best shot I played all week."

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Discover gold

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cup qualifier

OSLO, Sept 4, (Reuter): French soccer coach Michel Platini takes his young squad to Oslo for a World Cup qualifier against Norway tomorrow bent on avenging a defeat two years ago which cost France the chance of defending their European title. Neither team has any real hope of qualifying for next year's World Cup finals in Italy. But Platini has a score to settle. When the two teams last met in Oslo, Norway won 2-0.

Triple blow

LONDON, Sept 4, (Reuter): Injuries have forced Wales to make three late changes in their squad for their World Cup soccer qualifier against Finland in Helsinki on Wednesday.

50 injured

DHAKA, Bangladesh, Sept 4, (AP): At least 50 people were injured and 15 others arrested in a clash between angry soccer fans and police in the southern port city of Chittagong, police said today.

Bolivia win

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Sept 4, (UPI): Bolivia took the lead of the Group I World Cup qualifying group with an upset 2-1 victory over heavily favoured Uruguay.

Goalless draw

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Sept 4, (Reuter): Colombia had to be content with a goalless draw despite dominating their South American Group Two World Cup qualifying match away to Ecuador yesterday.

Trinidad triumph

PORTE-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Sept 4, (AP): Trinidad and Tobago beat Guatemala 2-1 in a last minute goal of a World Cup qualifying match yesterday, raising hopes that the Caribbean nation will reach the finals in Italy next year.

Palestine Cup

BAGHDAD, Sept 4, (Reuters): Iraq beat Jordan 2-0 (half-time 1-0) and Morocco beat North Yemen 3-1 (half-time 1-0) in Group Two matches of the Palestine Youth Soccer Cup Championship in Baghdad yesterday.

England captain

LONDON, Sept 4, (Reuter): Terry Butcher of Glasgow Rangers will captain England for the first time when they go in search of victory in their World Cup soccer qualifying match against Sweden in Stockholm on Wednesday.

Australia win

THE HAGUE, Sept 4, (Reuter): Australia sailed to a comfortable four-wicket victory over the Netherlands yesterday in the second of two limited-over cricket matches this weekend.

Cycle race

DESIK, Italy, Sept 4, (UPI): Maria Canius won the Italian Senior Women's Cycling Championship yesterday, racing a close, 30-kilometre breakaway race against six other front-runners.

Private clubs

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept 4, (AP): Iran's Islamic consultative assembly yesterday ratified a law allowing private sports clubs and gyms to operate under government supervision, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Korjus retires

HELSINKI, Sept 4, (Reuter): Olympic javelin champion Tapio Korjus has retired after being plagued by a forearm injury since his triumph in Seoul, the Finnish Athletics Association said today.

Arlington Million

ARLINGTON, Ill., Sept 4, (Reuter): Steinlen, ridden by Jose Santos, slipped through a gap on the rails in the straight to win the Arlington Million horse race by half a length over France's Lady in Silver yesterday.

Dope test

OSLO, Sept 4, (Reuter): Sports-mad Norway has been rocked by the revelation that javelin thrower Trine Solberg, a national idol and the very image of clean living, returned a positive dope test after a recent international competition.

\$3 million pay

PARIS, Sept 4, (AP): The president of the Olympique de Marseille soccer team said yesterday he would be willing to pay Diego Maradona 20 million francs (\$3 million) a year but expects Maradona to play again this year for Naples.

Wrestling event

MARTIGNY, Switzerland, Sept 4, (AP): Makhbarov Khardartsev and Elmady Zhabraslov helped the Soviet Union dominate the final medal rankings yesterday with four golds, two silvers and two bronzes at the World Freestyle Wrestling Championships.

Borg marries

MILAN, Italy, Sept 4, (AP): Former Swedish tennis star Bjorn Borg married Italian pop singer Loreanda Berté at Milan's city hall today, a municipal spokesman reported.

First colt

LONDON, Sept 4, (AP): Nashwan will pass up a chance to become the first colt to win the English triple crown of horse racing since Nijinsky in 1970 by skipping the St Leger in mid-September.

Seventh win

PARIS, Sept 4, (Reuter): Polish Precedent, ridden by American Cash Aasmussen, scored his seventh success of the season when taking the Group One Prix du Moulin horse race at Longchamp yesterday.

Former Italian soccer team captain killed in car crash

TURIN, Italy, Sept 4, (UPI): The soccer world paid tribute today to former Italy captain Gaetano Scirea, killed in a car crash yesterday in Poland during a UEFA Cup scouting trip for League side Juventus.

Scirea, 36, a veteran of the Italy team which won the 1982 World Cup in

Spain and 14 seasons with Juventus, died instantly on the Warsaw-Katowice motorway when the Fiat in which he was a passenger collided head-on with a truck on a single lane road undergoing repairs.

After his retirement from active soccer, Scirea stayed with Juventus as ass-

istant coach under Dino Zoff, former goalkeeper captain of the national side. He had been scheduled to return to Italy yesterday.

Police said the Polish driver of the vehicle and a Polish female interpreter were also killed. Another passenger was listed in serious condition in hos-

ital.

Scirea had been on the final day of a scouting trip for Juve's Sept 12 UEFA Cup match against Polish club Gornik Zabrze.

Former Juve coach Giovanni Trapattoni, now with defending Italian League champion Internazionale,

broke down in tears when he heard the news.

"I don't want to believe it," he said.

French national coach Michel Platini, who played alongside sweeper Scirea at Juve said, "I can't miss the funeral. I'll drop everything. This is a tremendous shock."

Juventus' players learned of the tragedy late last night after returning by coach from a 4-1 League victory over Verona.

"Tell me it's not true," said Zoff, goalkeeper for the 1982 World Cup champions.

Brazil-Chile Cup qualifier suspended

Goalkeeper Rojas 'injured' by firecracker

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 4, (Agencies): The deciding match of the South American Group Three World Cup soccer qualifying series was suspended yesterday when the Chilean team walk off after its goalkeeper was hit by a firecracker thrown from the field.

But a Spanish delegate of the International Football Association (FIFA) said FIFA would make a decision after reviewing the referee's report.

Both teams had five points going into yesterday's match with Brazil having a better goal difference.

Rosemary Mello, the 24-year-old fan arrested for throwing the missile, said she meant to cause no harm.

"I did not want to hurt anybody. Someone gave me the missile and I just threw it at random, to celebrate Brazil's victory," she said in a television interview.

Mello said it was the first time she had attended a match at the Maracana stadium. She could face a six-year jail term.

Chilean Soccer Federation president Sergio Stoppelli, speaking on television, said they would protest to the FIFA, and demand the match to be replayed in a neutral venue.

The two teams drew in the first tie held in Santiago last month.



Rojas lies on the ground as a firecracker burns near him. (Reuter wirephoto)

Chilean coach Orlando Aravena, the man accused by the Brazilian press of being directly responsible for the tense atmosphere in the home-and-away series, was not willing to talk to reporters.

The Chileans were due to leave the stadium and head straight to

the military base, from where they were flying back to Santiago.

It was not clear if the firecracker actually hit Rojas.

Eurico Miranda said, "the rocket firecracker did not hit the player. The Chileans threw metacromine on his face and it

also seems he cut himself. It's a set-up. The Chileans were looking for any pretext to take their team off the field."

Miranda also said the confederation would ask FIFA to examine Rojas.

Brazil's coach Sebastiao Lazaroni said, "the rocket went

up, fell behind Rojas and he threw himself on the ground. Chile made a scene. It was an honorable way to leave the World Cup."

Careca stated he was unconcerned with Chile's protest.

"There's no possibility of us losing the points," he said. "The rule is the team that abandons the field loses."

Both Chile's and Brazil's locker rooms were searched by police-wielding fans after the match. No comments were immediately forthcoming from the Chilean team.

Brazil completely dominated the game and could have scored on a number of occasions in the first half if not for the excellent play of Rojas.

At the 8-minute, Mark Valdo got the ball in front of the net and ripped a shot that Rojas just managed to get a hand on.

With 20 minutes gone, Careca headed the ball toward the goal, but at the last second Rojas leaped and knocked it away.

Branco had perhaps the best opportunity with just four minutes left in the half when he blasted a shot from close range, but once again Rojas made a spectacular save.

Gower sacked: media

LONDON, Sept 4, (Reuter): England cricket chief refused to comment today on newspaper reports that David Gower had been sacked as captain ahead of the tour of West Indies.

England chairman Ted Dexter said no announcements would be made until Thursday.

"We are not making any comment on the captaincy until we are in a position to name the captain or captains for the two-winter tour later this week," he said.

England's selectors are due to announce squads on Friday both for the three-month West Indies tour and for a limited overs competition, the NatWest Cup, which takes place in India next month. The captains will be named the day before.

There has been widespread speculation that Gower would be replaced following England's dismal performance against Australia when they were beaten 4-0 in the Ashes series.

Gower is currently on holiday in Portugal but the Daily Mirror quoted him as confirming he had been sacked.

Ted Dexter met me on Friday and indicated they would like a change of direction. That was his exact wording, so it would be extraordinary now if they asked me to captain the side in West Indies this winter," Gower is reported to have said.

Gower lost the captaincy once before after England were humiliated 5-0 on a tour of West Indies in 1986.

He has come under increasing fire for his lack of leadership.

Gower's agent John Holmes later denied the left-hander had been axed and said an official of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) had assured him Gower was still being considered as captain for the tour.

"The TCCB telephoned me to say he is still in the running," Holmes said.

Maradona finally returns to Italy

ROME, Sept 4, (Reuter): Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona finally returned to Italy today for a showdown with his Napoli club after a controversial, extended holiday in Argentina.

More than 120 photographers, reporters and television crew mobbed the Argentine World Cup captain when he arrived at Rome airport following weeks of speculation about his soccer future.

He said he was going to speak to Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino "to see what solution we can find to this situation."

But Maradona, 28, who said in Argentina last week that he intended to "throw" his contract at Ferlaino, said he was prepared for a stormy reception.

"I never expected a good welcome. I still expect a bad one. After I speak to Ferlaino, we will see."

Maradona, sporting a beard, first left the plane and got straight into a white Mercedes car parked on the tarmac in an attempt to avoid the hordes of reporters waiting for him.

But police persuaded him to enter the airport terminal for an

impromptu news conference in which he accused Napoli officials of failing to defend him against the press.

He then drove off in the car and was thought to be headed straight for Naples.

Asked why he had stayed in Argentina past the August 16 agreed date for returning to the club he first joined in 1984, he replied:

"I thought that 15 days extra would not cancel out five years of training. But it seems that these 15 days count more than five years."

Maradona, who enjoyed the status of a demi-god after bringing Napoli their first ever European and Italian League victories, is bound to the First Division club until 1993.

Johnson to lose record

BARCELONA, Sept 4, (Reuter): Ben Johnson will be stripped of the world 100 metres record he set at the 1987 Rome World Championships, International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) vice-president Arne Ljungqvist said today.

Ljungqvist, speaking after an IAAF council meeting, said the council proposed publishing a new world record list on January 1 next year.

"Johnson's mark will not be honoured," he said but added there had been no discussion in the council meeting whether Johnson's world title should be taken away.

The council proposal for a new

record list must be ratified by the IAAF congress which starts a two-day meeting tomorrow.

Canadian Johnson was stripped of the Olympic gold medal in Seoul last year after he was tested positive for a banned anabolic steroid.

Johnson admitted to a Canadian inquiry into drugs in Amateur Sport this year that he had taken performance enhancing steroids since 1981.

It was not clear from the congress agenda given to delegates here if the proposal to take away world records set by athletes who later confessed to taking banned substances would be retroactive.

Napoli in top spot without Maradona

NAPOLI can hardly believe their luck.

Despite all the controversy of the past month over errant superstar Diego Maradona and the authorised absence of Brazilians Careca and Alemao, Napoli are the only Italian First Division side to have won both matches in the new season.

They had to struggle again in their 1-0 victory over newly-promoted Udinese but on a day of upsets for AC Milan and defending champions Internazionale, Napoli finished clear at the top of the League standing with a maximum four points from two games.

The secret of Napoli's success, new trainer Alberto Bigon said, was humility. "This is a team that knows its limits but also its resources and which has been able to concentrate in an extremely delicate situation of which everyone is well aware."

Careca and Alemao are expected to return to Italy at the end of the week after fulfilling World Cup commitments for Brazil.

AC Milan's unbeaten run of 30 matches since last January came to an abrupt end on Sunday when defender Paolo Maldini sent a high, floating ball from mid-field over the head of his own goalkeeper Giovanni Galli and into the net. It gave Lazio, who did not have a single shot at goal themselves, a 1-0 win.

Newspapers reported that some Barcelona executives easily made nervous and even suffered from the Real Madrid complex, were already considering removing Cruyff.

"Cruyff has a team made to be champions. We gave him all he wanted, and that meant a huge sacrifice," an unnamed executive told El País.

Focus of the Dutch season continued to be the poor showing of star teams PSV Eindhoven, Ajax and Feyenoord.

"Shame on the super-trio," screamed the front-page headline of the mass circulation Telegraaf after PSV drew at home. Ajax lost away and Feyenoord found themselves at the bottom of the First Division after their third loss in four matches.

Ajax are now fourth in the standings and PSV sixth while Roda JC, RKC and FC Utrecht hold the first three places.

Defending champions PSV were held to disappointing 1-1 draw at home against lowly BVV Den Bosch despite the return of Brazilian Libero Romario and Dutch striker Juul Ellerse.

Eintracht Frankfurt slipped from the top of West Germany's Soccer League on Saturday when middle-place Kaiserslautern beat them 2-1 on home soil, but manager Joerg Berger was stoical.